



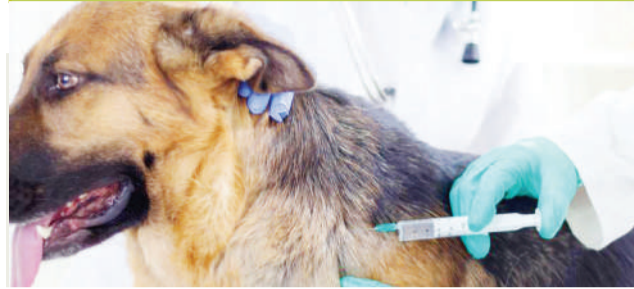
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## Tourism-dependent villages struggling following Covid-19

By Felister Peter, Manyara

COMMUNITIES surrounding national parks and other protected areas whose livelihoods depend on tourism income are struggling to make end meet due to ripple effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the northern tourism circuit are among the hardest hit by the pandemic, which paralyzed economic activities, especially in the tourism sector.

If the situation of the Burunge WMA in Babati District, Manyara Region is anything to go by, then the villages have lost around a third of their expected annual incomes.

Speaking to journalists during a recent study tour, Burunge WMA secretary Benson Mwashise said incomes of 10 villages surrounding the area have dropped from 103m/- each in 2019 to 76m/- this year due to low tourist arrivals.

The monies are collected from tourism agencies as village fees and disbursed to villages for development projects in



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view of encouraging villages to engage in conservation efforts, he said.

Burunge WMA collected 2.3bn/- in the 2018/2019 fiscal year but only a fraction of that is expected this financial year following the Covid-19 pandemic, he stated.

The tour was organized by the Journalists Environmental Association of Tanzania (JET) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

"The number of visitors is still small compared to those who visited the area between April and June last year. We also appreciate the government's efforts in promoting tourism as we have started receiving local visitors," he further noted.

The generated income is spent by villagers on improvement of community social services in education, health, water and roads, he stated.

Conservation efforts have resulted in an increased number of wild animals, as the Burunge WMA encompasses a whole range of wild animals with the exception

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# Panic as another elephant appears in Arusha suburb

## Wildlife rangers had not responded, officials urge caution

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Arusha

ARUSHA city was thrown into panic at the weekend when another huge elephant stormed Njiro suburb with area residents taking to their heels to save dear lives.

The jumbo entered the southern part of the city on Saturday night, within the same day after another elephant caused confusion here after sending resident helter skelter, and one died trying to follow it and play with its tail.

By late afternoon yesterday, officials of the Wildlife Department were nit responding to explain efforts they were making to drive the animal out of the city.

Hamza Juma Njiku, chairman of Njiro Block J area, where the elephant was seen said that after the animal was spotted "we contacted wildlife officials, but so far nobody has responded in person."

Dr Julius Keyyu, the Director of Research at the Tanzania Wildlife Research Institute (TAWIRI) circulated a message on social media that residents of Njiro must take precautions and not to venture near the elephant which was still loose in their area for hours from early Sunday morning.

This jumbo appearance incident is the second in as many days, suggesting that the animals are in pursuit of some need and trying to use routes that are outside the nearby wildlife conservation areas, as Njiro, Olasiti and other suburbs border vital wildlife corridors.

Some officials suggest that there is a herd of elephants trying to retrace routes



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in an extended eco-system stretching from Simanjiro District of Manyara Region to the lower sections of the city.

Early on Friday another jumbo appeared in Korongoni section of Njiro in Lemara Ward, south of the city.

The full grown male elephant caused panic and took the life of a motorcycle rider who tried to play hero in the incident.

Long'ida Mollel (35) reportedly followed the beast into the bush, overlooking the Korongoni gorge, boasting he could control the jumbo. It turned back, lifted him with its trunk and smashed him onto the ground, killing him on the spot.

The Korongoni area chairman Goodluck Lekanyo and Block J chairman Hamza Juma Njiku castigated the behavior of the motorcycle rider as they approached the jumbo too closely.

Ordinarily wildlife rangers take a paralyzing gun to stun stray large animals to take them back into reserve at a reasonable distance from where the animal was spotted.

While they went off to fetch their equipment, motorcycle riders started to approach the elephant, causing a loss of life.

Anti-Poaching Unit officer Michael Msokwa explained that the animal was from

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Mussa Hassan Zungu, Minister of State in the Vice President's Office (Union and the Environment), plants a tree at Dar es Salaam's Goba Secondary School at the weekend. It was during the launch of 'Pendezesha Tanzania' environmental conservation and promotion campaign, an event organised jointly by the Vice President's Office and CRDB Bank Plc. To the minister's left (foreground) is the bank's managing director and CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## JPM tasks ministers on delayed Uvinza projects

By Henry Mwangonde, Urambo

PRESIDENT John Magufuli yesterday took three ministers to task over delays in implementation of major development projects under their dockets and directed them to complete works on progress before polling day on October 28.

Addressing a campaign rally in Uvinza District in Kigoma Region, where he made some stops on his way to Tabora from Kigoma, Dr Magufuli tasked the minister in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), Suleiman Jafo to disburse 5bn/-



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for the construction of a 10 kilometer road in the district.

Dr Magufuli who said he was speaking as president, also directed Trade and Industries minister Innocent Bashungwa to work on facilitating the Uvinza Salt Factory so that it can produce more salt which will be exported to other countries, thus enhancing job creation.

He also expressed his dissatisfaction with the implementation of a rural electrification project in the district, where he directed the Energy minister Dr Medard Kalemami to work on implementing the remaining 61 villages as yet unconnected, as only 17 villages were reached in the past half decade.

"The minister of energy should be informed that am not satisfied with the electrification programme in the district. So he should work on addressing this issue; there is no way people of this district should continue to suffer for

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## 'ADC firm on ending unemployment woes'

By Guardian Correspondent, Tanga

ALLIANCE for Democratic Change (ADC) presidential candidate Queen Sendiga (pictured) says if elected she will ensure she creates 10m jobs in the next five years to eradicate the country's nagging unemployment problem.

Speaking at the weekend during election



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livestock keepers and traders would gain by having simplified modes of transport, she emphasized.

She further focused on ensuring that people in the area get safe and clean water by constructing water supply infrastructure, urging the voters to pick out ADC contestants for parliamentary and councillorship positions.

ADC is one of around 12 smaller political parties seeking to carve out a presence in the legislature and in local councils, but experience shows that it isn't easy. When it came up the year before the 2015 general election, ACT-Wazalendo obtained one parliamentary seat and a scatter of councillorship seats in Kigoma region, chiefly.

Apart from incumbent president and CCM candidate Dr John Magufuli, another well positioned contender is

Tundu Lissu, standing for the erstwhile main opposition party, Chadema. He was picked by the party upon return from Belgium where he spent well over two years in specialized treatment and rehabilitation after his four wheel drive vehicle was rained with bullets by assailants in Dodoma, mid-2017.

Another candidate likely to make a strong showing is ACT-Wazalendo's Bernard Membe, a cabinet minister for nearly 10 years during the fourth phase presidency, and losing at the CCM candidate nomination final stages in 2015.

Since then he has been a rallying figure for dissent within the ruling party, put to disciplinary suspension early this year, and as his expulsion was imminent at mid-year, shifted to ACT-Wazalendo as a senior adviser and prospective flag bearer in the forthcoming polls.



Rev Rose Mgeta (with microphone) of Dar es Salaam's 'Mlima wa Moto' Assemblies of God Church pictured in the city yesterday leading other clerics in national prayers for peace towards the October 28 General Election. Photo: Guardian Photographer

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slow pace in being connected with electricity," he said.

Dr Magufuli called upon the residents to re-elect him in the coming polls so that he implements the remaining projects, noting that the government used 6.7bn/- in the last five years to implement free education in Uvinza district alone, and more was yet to

come.

On water, he said in the last five years the government worked on addressing water challenges in the district, where almost 11.7bn/- was spent for the district alone.

In the next five year, the government plans to transform the district to a modern trading centre by properly built road connections, the candidate added.

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Lolkisale Game Reserve in Simanjoro,

and by venturing to Arusha it would be retracing their original eco-system.

"In the past these parts of Njiro used

to be a Game Controlled Area before the government decided to downgrade them following mass invasion of people

and human activities, but elephants still recognize the area as their habitat," he pointed out.



Selemani Jafo (R, foreground), Minister of State in the President's Office (Regional Administration and Local Governments), presents an award in Dar es Salaam at the weekend to one of the students who performed outstandingly in their final examinations while studying in universities outside Tanzania. It was at the second international graduation ceremony organised by Global Education Link. Photo: Correspondent Miraji Msala

## Records destroyed as fire hits Makerere University

KAMPALA

AUTHORITIES at East Africa's oldest university, Makerere, are struggling to put up plans to restore a fire-gutted building to its historic state in the shortest time possible.

Reports said Vice Chancellor Prof Barnabas Nawangwe declared yesterday that the university in cooperation with the Uganda government, are beginning to work on the matter, with Uganda's First Lady Janet Museveni, who is also the minister for Education and Sports, was expected to visit the scene.

Ugandan police have launched an investigation into the cause of a fire

that that ravaged the main building of the historic campus.

Police officials said the fire which broke out in the wee hours of yesterday is believed to have started from the roof, spreading to floors that house records and the finance department.

"A lot of valuable material has been destroyed. Investigations are ongoing to ascertain the exact cause of the fire," a police statement said.

The VC said it was "a very dark morning for Makerere University. Our iconic main administration building caught fire and the destruction is unbelievable," he said in a tweet.

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## 152 more contract Covid-19, Kenya's caseload now 36,981

NAIROBI

KENYA'S Covid-19 caseload has increased by 152 to 36,981 after the analysis of 2,224 samples over the last 24 hours.

The Health Cabinet Secretary, in a status report yesterday, said that this number of samples raised the total tested in the country to 516,706.

He said that 110 more patients had recovered and that two more had succumbed to the virus, raising the counts to 23,887 patients and 648 deaths countrywide.

Thirty-nine of the recovered patients were in the home-based care programme and 71 at health facilities

across the country, the statement indicated.

Nairobi accounted for 34 of the new patients, Mombasa 24, Kisii 20, Kiambu and Kisumu 19 each and Nakuru 10.

Turkana County recorded eight new Covid-19 cases, Kajiado three, Kakamega, Meru and Embu two each and Kericho, Marsabit, Nyamira, Samburu, Siaya, Uasin Gishu, Taita Taveta, Machakos and Murang'a one each.

Around 135 of the new patients were Kenyans and 17 foreigners, where 84 are male and 68 female, the youngest being just three years old and the oldest 89, the statement added.

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of rhinos, he said.

The district authorities receive 10 per cent of monies fetched from tourism and conservation activities, while the Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA) picks up 25 percent of the revenues, and 65 percent is equally distributed among the ten villages, the official elaborated.

Burunge is among the first four WMAs to be established in 2003 under a new wildlife sector policy drawn up in 1999, aiming to protect the environment as well as enable villagers to benefit from available resources. There are 32 WMAs countrywide, he pointed out.

The Burunge WMA is made up of ten villages covering an area of 283-square-kilometres. The villages are Sangaiwe, Mwada, Ngoley, Vilimavitatu, Minjingu, Kakoi, Olasiti, Manyara, Magala and Maweni.

The WMA is among areas of high conservation significance since it occupies land having wildlife corridors between Tarangire and Manyara national parks. It is also adjacent to the Manyara ranch.

Dr Bernard Kissui, researcher with Tarangire Lion Project underscored the need for conservation and sustainable wildlife management at Burunge WMA to ensure the presence of wild animals which are crucial in attracting tourists. The key wild animals are lions, buffalos, elephants, rhinos and leopards which are unevenly distributed in the northern circuit.

Dr Kissui where directs the Wildlife Management Centre said there are number of conservation challenges are likely to affect tourism sector activities.

He was concerned with rapid population increase, overgrazing, tree loss through cutting for construction, cultivation and charcoal burning. He said water resources have also been affected as water catchment areas dry up, with deforestation in the upper reaches resulting in the gradual siltation and shallow level of Lake Manyara.

Sangaiwe village chairman Marian Mberere said the decline in revenues has affected implementation of some

development projects, much of the cash was expected from Tarangire Simba Lodge and Sangaiwe Tented Lodge.

The village has 573 households, now feeling the loss of low visitations as the Covid-19 crisis reduced the number of visitors to less than ten per month even after restarting commercial air travel, he said.

Richard Kwitega, the Regional Administrative Secretary for Arusha, attested that the number of tourists dropped to approximately 100,000 in total since the outbreak of the Covid-19 crisis.

The situation started to normalize between June and July, while prior to the outbreak, the country was receiving up to 1.5m tourists a year, with the bulk of them visiting northern circuit attractions.

Tabling budget estimates for the 2020/2021 financial year, the Natural Resources and Tourism minister Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla said the Covid-19 outbreak had wreaked havoc in government coffers following the loss of at least 100bn/- in revenues from the tourism sector at the end of the fiscal year.

The government's revenue collections from the sector dropped by 75 percent in the fourth quarter of the 2019/2020 financial year from over 132bn/- to 33bn/-, the minister noted.

Tourism is the largest foreign exchange earner since 2012, contributing an average of \$2bn annually, equivalent to 25 per cent of foreign exchange earnings, Treasury figures ascertain.

It accounts for 17 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and enables 1.5m occupational outlets

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William Kallaghe (L), NBC Bank's manager for corporate affairs and government relations, briefs Mwanza and Geita regional commissioners John Mongella and Robert Gabriel (2nd-L & 3rd-L, respectively) on the services the bank extends to the mining sector. The RCs were on a visit to the bank's pavilion at the Bombambili Gold and Technology Exhibition grounds in Geita Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## 'Make good use of financial institutions now participating in Geita gold, technology fair'

By Guardian Correspondent, Geita

MWANZA and Geita regional commissioners have called on artisanal miners and SMEs in the Lake zone regions to ensure that they make good use of financial institutions' participation at the ongoing gold and technology exhibition in Geita Region.

The move would help the two groups to learn on how to adhere to the principles of financial management and spending in order to protect and boost their capital.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner John Mongella and his Geita region counterpart, Engineer Robert Gabriel made the call over the weekend when they visited the ten-day exhibition being held at Bombambili grounds in the Geita Region.

"Good news has been the positive participation of financial institutions including NBC Bank who in addition to sponsoring the exhibition is also conducting training for SMEs and artisanal miners. This is a big step and that why I call upon mining stakeholders in the lake zone to make sure they make good use of this opportunity in order to learn on how to put up proper strategies so that they can improve their businesses," said Mongella.

Mongella added that through the exhibition various financial institutions have been able to advertise various products and services including loans for mining stakeholders as well as SMEs while citing the NBC's unsecured loan which aims at supporting SMEs to grow and support the country's industrialization agenda.

"Further the bank's training to the two groups would help them create adequate knowledge especially in financial management while practicing their mining operation in modern ways," he added.

For his part, Geita Regional Commissioner, Engineer Robert Gabriel said through the exhibitions, the region expects a major economic revolution due to the major reforms

in the operations of mining and commercial activities expected from ongoing training by various institutions to the artisanal miners and SMEs.

"That is why we are very grateful to the financial institutions, especially NBC Bank, the main sponsor of this training for being the catalyst for the change we are looking forward to," he mentioned.

Apart from NBC, the training is being carried out by experts from Tanzania Trade Development Authority (Tan Trade), Mining Commission, Tanzania Revenue Authority (TRA), Office of the Chief Government Chemist, Geological Survey of Tanzania (GST) and Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO).

Others are from the National Environment Management Council (NEMC), Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS), Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA), National Economic Empowerment Council (NEEC), among other institutions.

Elaborating on the bank's services and products to the Regional commissioners, NBC Bank's Manager Corporate Affairs and Government relations Mr William Kallaghe said apart from the training, the bank runs a business clinic for various entrepreneurs to help them benefit fully from the mining business chain.

"It is the abundance of special services for various stakeholders that pushes NBC Bank to participate in various exhibitions including in this Gold and Technology exhibition. For the mining stakeholders, we have got special products and services for them including Business Club, internet Banking and unsecured loans to distributors and suppliers of large companies," said Kallaghe.

He said in order for financial services to be beneficial to the mining stakeholders, the bank has seen the need to provide such training that will help the stakeholders identify business opportunities that they can benefit from.

## Association urges livestock officers to help farmers, herders prize peace

By Guardian Correspondent, Arusha

TANZANIA Livestock Keepers Association (CCWT) has appealed to livestock officers in the country's local councils to ensure management grazing areas in districts with livestock keepers to avoid farmers-herders conflicts.

The association has also called of livestock officials not to charge the levies at livestock auctions.

The appeal was given yesterday by CCWT legal officer Glorious Luoga

when speaking to traditional leaders and herders in Monduli District, Arusha Region.

In regard to livestock being charged levies before being sold at auctions, Luoga said that was illegal and called on livestock officials to solve the challenge at once.

He also used the occasion to call on herders to have good relationship with government officials as the livestock sector is important to the national income.

CCWT national chairman Jeremia

Wambura said he will stand by all herders' rights as it was the country essential sector, and added that during his tenure in WCCT he will establish edible seed processing factories including digging wells in all animals grazing areas that have been officially set aside for the purpose.

Earlier, speaking at the meeting, herders Julius Loibos, Yamat Laizer and Oleiboku Ole Kisambu said allocated grazing lands were being invaded by farmers with no steps being taken to

address the situation.

For his part, Monduli District livestock officer Ommary Sanga pledged to address all complaints regarding invasion of grazing areas.

On livestock levies he admitted charging taxes on livestock that have not yet been sold because herders do not get permits from Ward livestock officers allowing them to transport their livestock, but from now on any herders taking animals to auctions will not be charged the levies.

By Guardian Reporter, Singida

AT least 300 dogs and cats in Iramba District, Singida Region have been vaccinated against rabies, thanks Education for African Animals Welfare (EAAW), a non-governmental organisation that provided the free vaccination of the animals.

District authority leaders said this as a positive step towards eradicating spread of the deadly virus to people from the saliva of infected animals in the district.

According to the district livestock and fisheries officer, Dotto Thomas, rabies is a dangerous disease in the country and globally since once infection is established, there is no effective treatment as the disease usually causes death.

He added that the treatment is quite expensive in the country as only few hospitals can offer such services.

He explained that most dispensaries and health centres, especially in the villages do not offer treatment for the disease therefore those infected are at high risk.

Dotto said explained that in efforts to prevent the disease, district authorities in collaboration with EAAW conducted a two-days seminar within Kiomboi ward whereby about 300 dogs and cats were vaccinated and plans to cover the whole district are still underway.

"The authorities are determined to prevent the spread of the disease and through partnership with other stakeholders such as EAAW, we shall win the war," he said. He thanked EAAW for the support, calling on other organisations to follow suit.

The vaccination in Iramba

## 300 dogs, cats in Iramba vaccinated against rabies

is a continuation of activities by the organization headquartered in Dar es Salaam, whose mission is to promote and foster animal welfare management, care and protection through awareness creation and practice among community members.

Some of the students who talked to our reporter expressed joy for the service as parents also requested the authority to make it a routine service. Some of the parents, Makala Kitundu and Bertha Nalogwa appealed to the public to value the vaccination exercise.

"The exercise is very good for keeping us healthy and we thank the council officials and the NGO for the free vaccination of cats and dogs" said Bertha, adding that the animals are friendly and should be given such friendly care too.

EAAW Director, Ayubu Nnko on his part appealed to communities within Iramba district to ensure their dogs and cats get the necessary service including vaccination once every year.

"It would be very important that all those who keep these pet animals take them to the veterinary officers for vaccination and not wait for such free services" he said, adding that rabies is a deadly disease.

He said his organization would continue with such exercise in Mkulama district council later this month. This will be preceded by public education and awareness,

mainly by meeting primary school children

According to the EAAW director, rabies kills between

26,000 and 55,000 per year globally while 95 percent of the deaths are from Africa and Asia. He added

that three billion people in the world live in countries prone to the disease, mostly in some 150 countries.



**INLAND FREIGHT TENDER FOR TRANSPORTATION OF USAID/FOOD FOR PEACE TITLE II FOOD AID COMMODITIES.**

**COMMODITY DISCHARGE SURVEY TENDER AT THE PORT OF DAR ES SALAAM/TANZANIA AND THE PORT OF KIGOMA FOR COMMODITIES DESTINED FOR THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO.**

Food for the Hungry in the Democratic Republic of Congo with funding from the United States Government through USAID has a requirement for a professional and competent inland freight company to transport its break-bulk shipments from the port of Dar Es Salaam Tanzania to Bukavu (South Kivu province), Kalemie and Moba (Tanganyika province) - **Tender No: FH DRC - 5647A-FY21.**

Food for Hungry has an additional requirement for a discharge survey company to oversee the discharge operations of its shipments at the port of Dar Es Salaam and delivery survey operations at Kigoma port in Tanzania - **Tender No: FH DRC-5647B-FY21.**

Interested and fully registered companies/firms should access the detailed bid document/s on the following Food for the Hungry procurement website. <https://www.fh.org/tenders/>

All bids clearly indicating the respective tender numbers must be submitted on or before **30 September 2020** at 5pm at the address (es) mentioned in the bid documents. Late bids will be automatically rejected.

**Note:** Food for the Hungry is an organization that promotes equality of opportunities through its Code of Conduct. Any violation to the latter by fraud, corruption, extortion of funds, etc. are forbidden and must be reported immediately via the email address: [fhdcintegrity@fh.org](mailto:fhdcintegrity@fh.org)

Food for the Hungry has the right to accept or reject any offer(s) and is not bound to provide any explanation(s) thereof.



**CALL FOR CONSULTANCY SERVICE TO RE-EVALUATE UNHCR Tanzania Contribution towards Partner Personnel Costs**  
Ref. No: UNHCR/2020/PR1 - Tanzania; 21st September 2020

The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was established on December 14, 1950 by the United Nations General Assembly. The agency is mandated to lead and co-ordinate international action to protect refugees and resolve refugee problems worldwide. Its primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees. It strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to seek asylum and find safe refuge in another State, with the option to return home voluntarily, integrate locally or to resettle in a third country. It also has a mandate to help stateless people.

In delivering its mandate, UNHCR also collaborates with more than 900 governmental, non-governmental, UN agencies and other partners, and this partnership is solid and expanding. While host Governments have the primary responsibility for assuring protection and provision of basic services to refugees and asylum-seekers, UNHCR supports the Governments in discharging this responsibility in line with international protection standards.

UNHCR is physically present in Tanzania and supports the Government of Tanzania in the provision of assistance to refugees and asylum seekers also known as Persons of Concern (PoCs) through close collaboration with the UN-system in Tanzania and through partnership(s) with international / local organization(s) and other stakeholders based in Tanzania. One of the partnership mechanisms in collaborating with the above partners is through UNHCR funded Partnership Agreements where UNHCR and implementing partners contribute complementary resources (human resources, knowledge, funds, in-kind contribution, supplies and/or equipment) to achieving common objectives as agreed in a Project Partnership Agreement.

**SCOPE OF WORK**

Under the Project Partnership Agreements, implementing partners are the sole responsible entity for the recruitment, employment, establishment of contracts, management, and dismissal of Partner Personnel and for all related payment of salaries and other entitlements as well as for complying with all relevant national laws and regulations applicable to the employment relationship with their personnel including the recruitment, contracting, management and dismissal of Partner Personnel and for all related payments. However, UNHCR is also committed to contribute towards the total personnel costs of the implementing Partners, as UNHCR and Partners work in collaboration to protect and assist persons of concern. In line with this UNHCR is looking for an experienced consultancy firm to carry out an evaluation of the current UNHCR scale of contribution to partner personnel cost in Tanzania and recommend an efficient and reasonable personnel levels and associated costs (in terms of number of persons, competencies, skills, and reasonable costs), in order to maximize benefits for persons of concern and achieve the objectives of the Partnership Agreements.

Firms that have the required technical attributes and have the experience in carrying similar works are invited to respond to this call by submitting the following documents to UNHCR Representation office in Dar es Salaam located at Plot no 1658, Rufiji Street, Off Haile Selassie Road, Masaki, Dar es salaam, Tanzania latest by 12th October 2020.

**EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

- A interim draft report which summarizes the desk reviews with data set specifically qualitative information from the desk review must be submitted as soon as the data cleaning process is completed.
- Presentation of findings to stakeholders for validation.
- A final report with findings and recommendations

**DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED**

1. Outline Technical Proposal of a maximum five pages which includes the following:
  - The Consultant understanding of the expected works (1-page max)
  - An outline methodology of the survey, including tools /framework applied and feasible timeline/work plan (3 pages max)
  - Names, addresses, telephone numbers of three professional referees (0.5-page max)
  - Full names, post office box, telephone numbers, e-mail address, physical address and contact person of the consultancy firm (0.5-page max)
2. Attachments to the Technical Proposal should include two examples of similar work conducted in a similar field, and the CVs of the proposed team members.
3. Financial Proposal which includes the following:
  - An itemized budget proposal for consultancy fees, as well as administrative costs such as travel, visas (if required), accommodation, meals etc.
  - Copy of TAX registration and other relevant documents





Vodacom Tanzania Plc managing director Hisham Hendi (L) receives from Finance and Planning ministry deputy permanent secretary Mary Maganga a copy of the government's ten-year (2020/2030) financial sector development master plan on behalf of communication service providers shortly after it was launched in Dodoma late last week. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

## Five-year digital strategy to facilitate improvement of health services - govt

By Polycarp Machira, Dodoma

THE government is committed to improve the application of digital health technologies to attain objective to deliver high quality health services to the citizens.

The implementation of previous National e-Health Strategy (2013-2018) which accelerated transformation of the health system by enabling timely access to information and supporting healthcare administrative, financial and clinical operations to enhance decision making says it all.

Director of curative services in the Ministry of Health, Grace Magembe said the digital health strategy and digital library would give stakeholders access to information on existing health initiatives and documents.

The five-year digital health strategy would facilitate digital health and improve health services in the country.

"The strategy establishes the government of Tanzania as a global leader in digital healthcare and paves the way for better patient treatment outcomes," said the director.

The National Digital Health Strategy is in line with the Tanzania Development Vision 2025 and the Health Sector Strategic Plan (2015-2020) thus emphasizing provision of quality health care to all households.

The National Digital Health Strategy was developed as a result of strong government leadership and will help to build consensus on policy, facilitate better use of shared resources and ensure investment in digital skills and infrastructure ultimately leading to more efficient health system and better health outcomes.

One of the critical components of the strategy was governance, which added value to the government's new digital health strategy.

The bodies that will be primarily responsible for implementing the strategy and programme are the National Digital Health Steering Committees (NDHSC) and the National Digital Health Secretariat (NDHS).

To ensure effective implementation of the strategy, Magembe said the government will also launch a technical working group, an online platform that will digitalise activities of health sector technical working groups.

Magembe explained that the new strategic plan

was in line with the Tanzania Development Vision 2025, the Health Sector Strategic Plan (2015-2020) and other key policies advancing the country's efforts to build an end to end interoperable digital health system.

"A national digital health system will enable the government to set aside resources for the most health impact, enable real time data on emerging disease cases to prevent epidemics," she said.

For his part, Director of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in the Ministry of Health, Community Development, Gender, Elderly and Children, Haji Bamisi noted that the strategy built on and directly responded to what was learnt from previous strategies (2013-2018).

He said for the design of the new strategy the government consulted the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the International Telecommunication Union National e-Health Strategy Toolkit.

He added that the strategy identified ten strategic priorities ranging from the need to strengthen digital governance and leadership and the importance of improving the supply chain management of health products.

Bamisi further stated that the strategy will enable the government to advance country's efforts to build an end to end, interoperable digital health system, while cementing the country as a global leader in digital health.

A number of measures have been drawn to ensure smooth implementation of the strategy among others a day to day undertaking by National Digital health Technical Committee which will provide progress updates to promote collaboration and prevent duplication of efforts.

Moreover, the strategy will be implemented in accordance with the national policies, and engage stakeholders, among others.

Regional and districts governing bodies will be engaged to cascade down implementation in the form of regional health management teams, council health management teams, institutional digital health committees and health facility digital health committees.

The efforts will finally, change management will be critical to the digital health strategy long term, thus changing the status quo within the health facilities, organisations and health systems with interactions of people and technology.

## Dr Shein calls for stronger public-private partnership

By Guardian Reporter

President Dr Ali Mohamed Shein has said the Zanzibar deliberately decided to work together with the private sector because the sector is an engine for the country's economic growth.

Dr Shein's remarks were given at the weekend at the opening of the 11th Business Forum in Kikwajuni, Zanzibar that was preceded the meeting of Tanzania National Business Council (NBC) held at Zanzibar State House.

Dr Shein said economic growth is driven by the private sector and the government deliberately decided to ensure better achievements are obtained, as that was now happening.

He stressed the cooperation built between the government and the private sector should be strengthened as its benefits were now clearly being discerned.

Dr Shein, who was the Forum's Chair said

the gathering followed his earlier pledge to say farewell after the nearly 9 years of good performance.

He praised top officials of Trade and Industry ministry for managing well the portfolio following the Isles tradition of being the hub of trade in East and central Africa since the 16th century.

He also praised NBC members, business people and the business community in general saying the Council has been strengthened since he became Zanzibar President.

He said traditionally business has been depending on other sectors to flourish and that is why the government established the industry and trade ministry.

He also used the opportunity to praise Zanzibar traders for importing adequate goods including food that has eased people's demand.

At the event Dr Shein also unveiled a new book - "Zanzibar Business Enabling Environment 2020".

For his part the Minister for Industry and Trade Amb Amina Salum Ali hailed achievements in the business sector under Dr Shein's leadership.

She said the government has convened the business forum with a slogan "Friendly Business Environment for Zanzibar's development."

She said the ministry she was leading has done a great job in working together with business people while Dr Shein's leadership had put in place a friendly environment for them including the enactment of suitable laws.

The Secretary of Zanzibar Revolutionary Council and Chief Minister Dr Abdulkhamid Yahya Mzee said the main of the Forum was to say farewell and hailed its huge attendance.

The President of Zanzibar Business Community Taufiq Turki praised Dr Shein for managing well the Isles economy especially during the Covid-19 pandemic period that saw prices for essential goods stagnate despite their high prices elsewhere in the world.



### Call for Expression of Interest (EOI) to Undertake Risk Assessment.

**Policy Forum (PF)** is a network of 62 Tanzanian civil society organisations established in 2003 and drawn together by their specific interest in augmenting the voice of ordinary citizens to influence policy processes that help in poverty reduction, equity and democratization with a specific focus on **public money accountability** at both central and local levels.

Policy Forum is calling for an Expression of Interest (EOI) for the provision of a risk framework on its work and existence, for the purpose of robustly identifying the realistic risks it faces and outlining possible mitigations. To this end, Policy Forum wishes to assign a risk visionary and assessment consultant (through this EOI) to meticulously and accurately deliver a structured approach to managing risks.

If you are interested upon reading full terms on our website [www.policyforum.or.tz](http://www.policyforum.or.tz) you should attach a brief proposal with a background, understanding of assignment, theoretical review, the methodology and budget and proposed work plan. Additionally, profiles that include a CV and a sample of previous similar work where possible and references

Interested firm should send their proposal that include application to address below by **27th September 2020** at 1300hrs. Only those who has fulfilled the requirements shall be considered for selection.

**Executive Director  
Policy Forum  
P.O Box 38486  
Dar-es-Salaam  
Email: [info@policyforum.or.tz](mailto:info@policyforum.or.tz)  
Mob: 0782 317434**

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### TANZANIA - ZAMBIA RAILWAY AUTHORITY TANZANIA COST AND PROFIT CENTRE



### JOB OPPORTUNITY - LEGAL OFFICER

The Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority (TAZARA) is a Statutory Institution owned by the two Governments of the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia on a 50/50 share holding basis, with its registered head Office being in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. The Authority has two Regional Administrative Centres, one in Mpika, Zambia and the other in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

The position of Legal Officer at the Tanzania Regional Office has become available. Suitably qualified Tanzanians are requested to apply as per details below.

<b>Job Title</b>	Legal Officer
<b>Salary Grade</b>	TSG 10
<b>Location</b>	Regional Office, Dar es Salaam
<b>Reporting to</b>	Senior Legal Counsel
<b>Job Purpose</b>	To assist Senior Legal Counsel in handling litigation cases and ensure that company transactions and business activities are in accordance with the provisions of the law.
<b>Responsibilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Institute legal Proceedings on the behalf of the company and defend those against the company contention infringements, in order to safeguard operations and/or transactions.</li> <li>b) Draft Contract/Agreements for the procurement of company materials/items and edit those prepared by any departments in the company to ensure their compliance with the legal provisions.</li> <li>c) Maintain company legal documents and register them with appropriate bodies.</li> <li>d) To assist the Senior Legal Counsel in providing legal advice on various matters.</li> <li>e) Perform any other tasks as may be delegated by the Senior Legal Counsel.</li> </ul>
<b>Qualifications and Experience</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bachelor of law (LLB)</li> <li>b) Form four and six Academic Certificates</li> <li>c) Minimum experience of 2 years in the position of legal officer from any reputable organization</li> <li>d) Extensive knowledge in various legal practices</li> <li>e) Computer literate, preferably in Microsoft Office and advance level in Microsoft Excel.</li> <li>f) Possession of a Master's Degree will be an added advantage.</li> <li>g) Not more than 45 years old</li> </ul>
<b>Mode of Application</b>	Candidates who meet the specified requirements may apply to the address indicated below, enclosing their detailed curriculum vitae, certified copies of educational certificates and contacts for three traceable referees.  The Regional General Manager (T) Tanzania-Zambia Railway Authority Tanzania Cost and Profit Centre Nelson Mandela Road P.O. Box 40160 DAR ES SALAAM
<b>Closing Date</b>	Friday 16th October, 2020.

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Ahmed Jarwan (L), Said Salim Bakhresa and Co Ltd's director of marketing and sales, has an audience with employees of bakeries who toured the firm's Buguruni Flour Mills in Dar es Salaam at the weekend. Photo: Correspondent Jumanne Juma

# Indonesian envoy promises to support women food vendors

By Correspondent Felix Andrew

THE Indonesian Embassy in Tanzania has pledged to help women food vendors to conduct processing businesses in a most improved environment for their economic development.

This was said over the weekend in Dar es Salaam by the Indonesian envoy to Tanzania Prof Ratlan Pardede at the opening of training on Indonesia food processing that was organised for women food vendors.

Prof Pardede said that through training hopefully, they can meet some individuals that have further interest in those issues, and the Embassy is open for further talk and discussion on that matter, including some ideas on how the Embassy can help with.

"I hope that this program is not halted today, but instead, we can continue the cooperation with arranging follow-up training in which the embassy can assist women food vendors further so that the production runs smoothly even to assist in the process of marketing," he said.

He said that the embassy has organised the programme together with The Tanzania Food Processing Association (Tafopa) in order to share Indonesian unique experiences in food processing that hopefully can be a good knowledge and reference for everyone.

According to him, Tanzania is blessed with abundant commodities of food and agricultural products, as well as unique culinary wisdom in which actually some of them are very similar to Indonesian buds of taste.

"We can see that there are a lot of opportunities for Tanzanian people to greatly develop their food processing sector, and also we highly appreciate the fact that currently, more and more Tanzanian locally produced processed foods are entering the modern supermarkets in growing quality and competitiveness", he added.

He said that they see that there is actually an opportunity to introduce Indonesian food products to Tanzanian people that can widen up perspective on how food can be processed.

"The reason why we specifically invite the food vendors under TAFOPA is that due to the experience we have in Indonesia we believe that the food processing business can easily be accessed and conducted by them which hopefully can give a helpful addition of income to their household" he said.

He urged participants to develop even more agricultural products that can be accepted in the market.

"That way, it can also help not only the producer but

also help all the farmers and all stakeholders by absorbing all the agricultural products in the production chain" said the envoy.

He added that : We also hope that by introducing our way of processing food to Tanzanian, it can also spark better economic cooperation with Indonesian people through the possibility of exchanging trades of food products or the other necessary items needed for a more elaborative food product.

He further said the embassy would like to explore the potential of establishing an Indonesian restaurant in Tanzania to further showcase Indonesian culinary wisdom so that Tanzanian people can know more about

Indonesia. For her part, chairperson of Tafopa, Suzy Laizer, thanked the Indonesian embassy for their support.

She said the organization is ready to work with Indonesian companies for improvement of the food processing industry.

A representative from Foreign Affairs Ministry, Emmanuel Luhangisa urged food vendors to use the opportunity more effectively for their development.

He said Indonesia has shown interest to help Tanzania in its move towards industrialization drive, hence they have to tap such opportunity.

The one day training involved 20 women food vendors from Dar es Salaam.



SGP The GEF Small Grants Programme



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: GEF SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

### I. GEF Small Grants Programme consecutive

The Small Grants Programme of the Global Environment Facility (GEF/SGP) is a development programme, which is implemented through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Globally, the GEF/SGP was established in 1992 at the Earth Summit to compliment larger GEF projects by providing a window for direct participation of local, community-based organizations for projects that benefits the global environment. The GEF/SGP operates under the philosophy that global environmental challenges can be addressed effectively when local people and organizations are involved.

In Tanzania, GEF/SGP became operational in 1996. Its operations are coordinated by the Division of Environment (GEF Operational Focal Point), Vice President's Office. The Programme devotes particular attention to community-based projects, which link conservation of global environment and improvement of local livelihoods. In this regard, GEF/SGP is primarily a CSO – led and focussed programme. Only CSOs that include, NGOs, CBOs and FBOs are eligible for technical and financial support under this programme whereby grants of up to US\$ 50,000 per project are given to successful proponents. In addition, NGOs eligibility criteria includes full compliance to the NGO Act No. 24 of 2002 (as amended).

### II. Priorities for GEF 7/OP7

Implementation of the GEF/SGP is now at GEF 7 and Operational Phase 7 (OP7). Priorities for GEF7/OP7 focuses on the following geographical areas:

1. Serengeti Ecosystem
2. West Kilimanjaro – Lake Natron Ecosystem
3. Jozani Ecosystem in Zanzibar
4. Projects from elsewhere in Tanzania will be considered if they are proposed from other ecosystems of environmental significance
5. Projects from other ecosystems, which will complement to the Government or GEF Strategic initiatives will also be accepted.

### III. Focal Areas for GEF7/OP7

1. Conservation of threatened ecosystem and species
2. Sustainable agriculture, fisheries and food security
3. Low carbon energy access co-benefits
4. Chemicals and waste management
5. Catalyzing urban solutions
6. CSO-Government – Private Sector Dialogue
7. Enhancing social inclusion (Support to youths, women, people with disabilities and Indigenous Communities)
8. Response and recovery support to COVID-19

### IV. Call for Project Proposals

Project proposals are invited from NGOs, CBOs and FBOs focusing on conservation of the ecosystems and focal areas listed above. In addition, proposed projects should demonstrate the following attributes: -

- (i) Consistency with country priorities as articulated in National Development Frameworks
- (ii) Poverty-oriented focus: indicating that grantees (Providing their numbers in gender disaggregated form) will be less poor on a sustainable basis at project completion
- (iii) Address gender issues at project formulation, implementation, (Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) and benefit sharing stages
- (iv) Innovation and show plans for scaling up
- (v) Provide proof that ownership of the proposed projects lies with the local grantees
- (vi) Clearly indicate that supported grantees will be able to co-finance at least 25% of total project costs in-cash and in-kind.
- (vii) Provide a work plan with monitoring and evaluation indicators
- (viii) The project proposals should clearly show how they will contribute towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- (ix) The project budgets presented in Tanzania shillings should not exceed the equivalent of US\$ 50,000

Please submit project proposals by close of Business on Friday 30TH October 2020 to:

Resident Representative  
UNDP

P. O. Box 9182

Dar es Salaam: Attn: Small Grants Programme

E-mail: [registry.tz@undp.org](mailto:registry.tz@undp.org)



## Enabel – SAKIRP- Vacancy

### Logistical assistant construction of bridges- Kigoma region

Enabel – the Belgian Development Agency is recruiting a logistical assistant for works (bridges and godowns) for its Sustainable Agriculture Kigoma Regional Project.

**Duty station: Kigoma**

**Contract term: 1 year extendable**

Profile Bachelor degree in Procurement and Supplies Management, Materials management, Logistics and Supplies Chain Management or equivalent.

**Experience:** minimum of one year hands-on in logistics and administration. Experience with building industry is a strong plus; Motorbike riding and motorcycle driving license are a strong asset; Computer literate and good reporting skills in English/ Kiswahili.

Details vacancy at: <https://btctanzania.wordpress.com/>

Submit your applications to: [recruitment.tza@enabel.be](mailto:recruitment.tza@enabel.be)

**Deadline:** all applications should be submitted by **25th September 2020.**

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.





## CARE CAREER OPPORTUNITY – CHIEF OF PARTY

CARE seeks to recruit motivated, results driven, dynamic, qualified and competent candidate to fill the position of **Chief of Party (CoP)** based in **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**.

### ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUND:

CARE is a leading humanitarian organization dedicated to fighting poverty and social injustice with a special emphasis on women and girls. CARE Tanzania is part of CARE International, whose vision is to seek a world of hope, tolerance, and social justice, where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. CARE International is a global force and a partner of choice within a worldwide movement dedicated to ending poverty. We are known everywhere for our unshakable commitment to the dignity of people. CARE Tanzania and partners contribute to the empowerment of the most marginalized and vulnerable rural women and girls to exercise their rights.

### JOB SUMMARY

CARE seeks a **Chief of Party** for an anticipated **USAID-funded Marine Biodiversity project in Tanzania**. This procurement is anticipated to be a five-year multi-million-dollar project that is designed to improve conservation of marine biodiversity in Tanzania. The anticipated contract will incorporate a series of interventions that support and strengthen capacity for biodiversity conservation in a manner that i) reduces the use of illegal and unsustainable fishing; ii) improves the governance and management of coastal land and seascapes; and iii) improves policy development and capacity to implement policies. These interventions together will reduce threats to marine and coastal biodiversity in Tanzania while moving Tanzanian institutions further on their journey to self-reliance.

The Chief of Party (**based in Dar es Salaam**) is accountable for the overall vision and leadership of the project and is accountable for delivering results. The successful candidate should possess significant experience managing program, financial, and operations of USAID or other international donor-funded projects, preferably in a similar environment.

This position is open for both local and international candidates, subject to project award and funding. For international candidates, relocation and allowances may be available.

### Primary Responsibilities:

- Oversee the completion of all technical and managerial requirements, including project results and deliverables, in accordance with the project work plan.
- Build and maintain productive working relationships with USAID, project partners, and key stakeholders. Serve as the primary liaison among all project stakeholders.
- Lead the project's marine biodiversity conservation and sustainable fisheries management agenda and activities in conjunction with the Ministry of Fisheries and local institutions.
- Manage the project's operational, financial, and administrative priorities; direct the planning and budgeting processes. Create or adapt management systems in line with CARE's standard operating procedures, ensuring consistency with project needs.
- Build partnerships among international, national and community-level stakeholders.
- Design and oversee an annual project implementation plan in accordance with USAID's annual planning cycles.
- With staff and partners, translate project goals and objectives into implementable strategies and plans. Oversee the preparation of quarterly and annual project activity reports, M&E reports, and other deliverables, as specified in the agreement. Report against the project's targets.
- Ensure that the project operations are in compliance with all USAID and CARE policies and procedures.
- Represent the project at high-level meetings, conferences, and other fora.
- Guide team members to fulfill the project's strategic goals and objectives.
- Supervise and mentor senior staff, delegating responsibilities as appropriate. Clearly communicate expectations for staff performance.

### Required Skills:

- Master's degree in a relevant discipline in marine biology, natural resource management, conservation biology, biodiversity, fisheries management, environmental management, environmental economics, international development, public/business administration, governance, or relevant fields of study related to the sector of the project. PhD in a relevant discipline would be a distinct asset.
- Minimum of 6 years of progressively responsible experience in international development as previous Chief of Party, Deputy Chief of Party, or senior management experience on USAID programs similar in size and scope.
- Minimum of 10 years of technical experience in fisheries management, natural resources management, protected area management, coastal resources management, community and alternative livelihood development, governance and capacity building, behavior change communication, value chain development, as well as an understanding of policy, economics, and market issues in these sectors.
- Experience with two or more technical areas of this program.
- Experience managing USAID contracts is a strong advantage.
- Proven exceptional leadership in the design, management, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of similar-sized international donor-supported programs, with skills in strategic planning and thinking, management, supervision and budgeting, and experience managing complex activities involving coordination with multiple program partner institutions.
- Demonstrated skills building and maintaining relationships with host governments, donors, other donor-funded projects and stakeholders, local organizations, and partners.
- Strong oral and written communication skills; excellent demonstrated interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Experience recruiting, developing, and managing diverse teams.
- Track record of strong commitment to sharing knowledge, documenting experiences, supporting creative initiatives, and sharing credit.
- Experience managing required programmatic and financial reporting requirements. Experience with M&E is a plus.
- Previous experience in Tanzania and/or East Africa is an advantage but not a requirement.
- Fluency in English is required, working knowledge of Swahili is an advantage but not a requirement.

**Our diversity is our strength; we encourage people from all backgrounds and experiences, particularly women to apply**

### MODE OF APPLICATION

- Only a letter of application and resume without supporting documents such as certificates should be sent by email to The Human Resources Department [TZHumanResourcesDepartment@care.org](mailto:TZHumanResourcesDepartment@care.org) by **CoB, 2nd October 2020 at 1700hrs. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**

# NEMC: Past five years have been cholera free

By Guardian Reporter

THE National Environment Management Council (NEMC) yesterday paid glowing tribute to Tanzanians for observing health rules and saving the nation from intermittent cholera bouts during the last five years.

Thrilled by Dar es Salaam residents he found clearing a heap of rubbish near their homes, the NEMC Director General, Dr Samuel Gwamaka, appealed to Tanzanians to loathe rubbish because, he said, garbage could easily contaminate the environment and be a source of communicable diseases.

"This is a great thing," the environment expert said in praise of the

group, adding "voluntary compliance of the law is fundamental in protecting Tanzania's environment; in protecting your health and lives of other creatures. As far as I can remember, there were no cholera incidents in past five years," Dr Gwamaka said.

Tanzania's coast generally receives short rains in the middle of next month. Health experts blame cholera on contaminated water and filth.

Dr Gwamaka appealed to Tanzanians to remain steadfast and guard against water-borne diseases.

He said NEMC emphasised on public education and campaign as a tool for keeping the environment clean and praised Tanzanians for having been

supportive.

He said as a result of positive public response, the council formed a 24-hour emergency response force to mitigate abrupt environmental problems.

The Director General also appreciated the support NEMC received from national leaders, educational institutions, the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Administration, TMDA and the Tanzania Bureau of Standards. "Protection of environment is a multi-sectoral task. NEMC cannot accomplish the task alone," he said.

Dar es Salaam is fast growing city with an estimated day-time population of six million.



Staff at a bar in Arusha city display placards with messages on the need for responsible drinking as they marked the anniversary of Global Beer Responsible Day, ceremony organised by Tanzania Breweries Limited at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Youth graduates urged against being overly selective on jobs

By Correspondent Joseph Mwendapole

SELEMANI Jafo, Minister of State, President's Office, (Regional Administration and Local Government), has urged youth graduates to stop being selective but be ready to work in any environment including rural areas.

Jafo said there is a bad tendency for some graduates to refuse to work in rural areas and prefer working in towns, something which is not acceptable.

Speaking during the second international graduation ceremony organised by the Global Education Link (GEL) in Dar es Salaam over the weekend, Jafo said rural areas also have communities who need their services, so once deployed to work in those areas, they have to be ready.

He congratulated GEL on how it has been conducting close follow up for foreign students to make sure they do better academically and graduate with high ranks.

"Whenever the government announces employment opportunities,

please apply, but you must know that even in rural areas there are people who need your services so don't hesitate to go there when you are given the chance," he said.

He said GEL has been helping parents who invest a lot of money for their children's education so as to make sure that their children get quality education for their future.

"The government recognizes GEL's contribution in the education sector, and we will continue providing support whenever needed because you have shown patriotism in helping young Tanzanians," he said.

Jafo advised GEL's management to set a special day or week to showcase and educate the public on its activities because majority of the employers and investors are still unaware of the quality graduates that are available under the umbrella of GEL.

"During the special day or week, GEL should invite companies, financial

institutions, public and private institutions and tell them about the good graduates that are available who can work with them instead of taking foreign experts," he said.

The minister also said even during the Covid-19 pandemic, GEL helped the government to introduce online education whereby more than 800 programs were prepared by GEL and aired in TV stations.

"During the Covid-19 we were thinking of what we can do to help our students, we contacted GEL and he agreed to produce more than 800 educative programs in his studios, that was a great job for this nation we commend GEL and its team," he said.

Abdulmalik Molle, the executive director of GEL, commended the government on how it has been cooperating with GEL in different areas and he promised to continue working closely with the government to produce more human resources to serve the nation.

# Research centre determined to revive growing of cashewnuts in Morogoro

By Guardian Correspondent, Morogoro

THE Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) has initiated strategies to revive cashew nuts farming in Morogoro Region to make it among the region's cash crops to enhance its economic growth.

Through the strategies, TARI-Naliendele Centre (TARI-Naliendele) has begun to provide training for cashew nuts farmers in the region for the crop's better farming practices.

Speaking at one such training seminar that brought together cashew nuts farmer and Agricultural Extension Officers, TARI's cashew

nuts Coordinator Geradina Mzena said the main aim is to shift the farmer from subsistence to commercial farming.

"We know these new regions with cashew nuts farmers hence we have seen the importance to provide them with training on better cashew nuts farming for commercial purposes," Dr Mzena said.

Neema Marwa, one of the farmers in Mvomero District said he decided to start cultivating the crop after being assured of a ready market compared to other crops.

Martini Joseph, a resident from M orogoro Rural district tanked the

government for the training as the crop cultivation was not costly but brings quick benefits compared to many other farm crops.

Closing the training seminar, the Morogoro Region's Assistant Administrative Secretary dealing in Economy and Production Rosaria Rwegesira in the past the region was growing cashew nuts but due to unreliable markets, farmers lost hope.

She said mobilization done in recent years, farmers decided to revive cashew nuts cultivation whereby in 2018 63 tons was produced and in 2019 the tonnage increased to 183.





Natural Resources and Tourism minister Hamisi Kigwangalla (2nd-L), Arusha regional administrative secretary Richard Kwigitega (R), NCBA Bank Tanzania Limited director general Margaret Karume (2nd-R) and NCBA Bank commercial and digital services director Gift Shoko applaud the introduction of the bank's new logo at the launch of two NCBA branches in Arusha Region at the weekend. Photo: Guardian Correspondent

# Ministry comes up with Land Rent Payers' Day

By Guardian Reporter

THE Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has launched the Land Rent Payers Day across the country's regions.

The ministry's strategic launch aims to mobilise lands owners to pay land rent whose implementation began at the weekend in Dodoma Region. Land officials from the ministry's headquarters in Dodoma in collaboration with those from regional and city land offices visited Ilazo and Kisasa areas.

The head of the ministry's land rent unit Denis Masami said the Day for Land Rent Payer exercise will be conducted every Friday involving all

land officials countrywide who will be visiting various streets, from house to house to provide education on land issues.

Masami said in addition the land officials will also verify land ownership records as well inspecting urban development issues.

He called on land owners countrywide to ensure they leave correct documents at home or their mobile numbers for communication if they will not be found at home.

In the Fiscal year 2020/2021 the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlements Development has been assigned to collect a total of 200bn/- as land rent countrywide.

“...the land officials will also verify land ownership records as well inspecting urban development issues”

## Ngara cooperative, TADB agree on coffee production revamping

By Guardian Correspondent, Ngara

NGARA Farmers' Cooperative Society Limited (NFCS-LTD) and the Tanzania Agricultural Development Bank (TADB) said here they have held successful talks and have agreed on best ways of growing and marketing of coffee in Ngara District.

TADB managing director Japhet Justine said that the two parties reviewed and were satisfied with the performance of the NFCS-LTD during the last three growing seasons and believed stable coffee production would be steadily

restored.

“In 2018 the NFCS Limited received a soft loan and technical support from the TADB. As a result NFCS Limited collected 2,300 tonnes of coffee from 500 smallholder coffee growers. The two parties have been impressed by a good loan repayment record by the NFCS Limited. Therefore, the TADB will continue to support the cooperative union in days ahead,” the statement says.

According to the statement cooperative leaders told the meeting that their officers had difficulties in visiting farmers for lack of vehicles.

The bank offered two motor cycles to alleviate the problem. The TADB would send experts to the cooperative teach growers appropriate coffee husbandry.

NFCS-LTD was founded in 1993. In 2012 the cooperative suspended services to cooperative members because it had many settled loans and it also suffered from many operational problems.

According to the statement, the TADB was now convinced the cooperative was on the right track and would continue to give the cooperative the support it needs.



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**POSITION: IT OFFICER**

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- Knowledge in Oracle Database administration
- Experience in IT Network Management and Servers virtualization
- Experience in DR implementation (Active / Standby)
- Possess a CCNA network and OCA qualification(s), and working experience with Linux will be an added advantage.

**DUTIES/RESPONSIBILITY**

- Oracle database administration and support
- Network administration, security and support
- Software development and integration
- Server Operating system administration and support in UNIX,HP-UX and WINDOWS
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- Monitor performance and maintain systems according to requirements
- Systems backup

Eligible candidates may apply for abovementioned vacancy so as to reach us on or before 04.10.2020. Candidates are required to submit their detailed Resume/CV including information regarding date of birth, educational qualification & work experience, name and addresses of three referees and attached certified copies of their academic and professional certificates, copy of Last Salary Slip and expected gross salary.

Only Shortlisted candidates will be called for personal Interview/Discussion.

Please note importantly that; canvassing in any form will lead to disqualification/rejection. Eligible Candidates May Apply to:

The Managing Director  
Bank of India (T) Ltd  
Maktaba Street  
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Email. [Boi.Tanzania@bankofindia.co.in](mailto:Boi.Tanzania@bankofindia.co.in)

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FOUNDATION FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR 2020/2021

Foundation for Civil Society (FCS) an independent Tanzanian non-for-profit organization providing grants and capacity building services to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in Tanzania. Our mission is to contribute to sustainable development in Tanzania through civil society strengthening, policy influencing and enhancing a learning culture.

The FCS would like to invite applications from credible, eligible and well-established service providers to express interest to supply/provide the following goods and services for the year 2021/22

Ref No.	Services to be procured
Lot no.1	Office consumables
Lot no.2	Printing of Publications
Lot no.3	Air ticketing services
Lot no.4	Filming and Documentation
Lot no.5	Provision of Conference and Hospitality Services
Lot no.6	Vehicle maintenance
Lot no.7	Plumbing and Electrical services
Lot no.8	Servicing of Air condition machines
Lot no.9	Internet Service Provider
Lot no.10	Supply of computer and its accessories
Lot no.11	Legal services
Lot no.12	Photography services
Lot no.13	Service and Maintenance of ICT equipments
Lot no.14	External Audit to Grantees
Lot no.15	Due Diligence services
Lot no.16	Provision of software applications
Lot no.17	Event planners
Lot no.18	Consultancy on Team Building
Lot no.19	Tax Advisory Services
Lot no.20	Monitoring and Evaluation (firm)
Lot no.21	Database and Systems Development (firm)
Lot no.22	Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA)
Lot No.23	Consultant for Strategic Plan development
Lot No. 24	Consultant for Financial Management Support

Interested suppliers must submit their expression letter of interest (LOI) by quoting the reference number and services they intend to offer with supporting documents as provided below. The LOI must outline statement of firm capability to provide goods/services including experience to undertake similar contracts with other companies.

**The selection/short listing criteria will include;**

Possessions of business licence, Professional licence/certificate, Company certificate of incorporation, Business registration certificate, TIN no. VAT registration certificate, Copy of Tax clearance, Company Profile indicating physical location. A minimum of 3 years' experience in the field and three customer's recommendation letters. Only those shortlisted suppliers will be contacted.

Applications in plain sealed envelopes, should be addressed to the;

**Chairperson – FCS Procurement Committee, P.O. Box 7192, Dar es salaam and must be delivered to the Foundation's offices, 7 Madai Crescent, Ada Estate, Plot 154.**

Deadline for submission of Expression of Interest shall be **12th October, 2020** and they will be opened on the same date at 16.00hrs.

Executive Director

Foundation for Civil Society

7 Madai Crescent, Ada Estate, Plot 154

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## Tanzania proud as principal lion habitat globally, but care is needed

JUST a few well exposed observers would have been in a position to know just how much the world owes to Tanzania in wildlife conservation, not firstly for our own efforts but natural endowment. But at present real effort is needed as the world now depends on Tanzania's conservation efforts to maintain, or perhaps also to boost, what is said to be rapidly dwindling lion populations worldwide. Tanzania is said to account for over 50 per cent of the biggest cats on earth, which presents a challenge on resource use, principally.

An example of what lies ahead, though an extreme case, is the way global hopes for conservation of the Amazon Forest both for absorption of carbon dioxide and also for its biodiversity are going up in flames. In other places around the world like the much less spectacular ecosystem in the western parts of the United States are also engulfed in fire for a different reason. In Brazil it is agricultural expansion by leaps and bounds, while in the US experts fault climate change for uncontrollable fires. We are still safe here.

Yet all is now well even in our case especially in relation to biodiversity generally and conservation in particular, with big cats like lions posing a special problem. To be able to maintain a semblance of primacy in conservation efforts, for instance if we are to specialize as the world's biodiversity paradise for the sake of the tourism sector, some things will have to change as expansion of livestock rearing is incompatible with conservation. Settled agriculture is a problem as well, especially when we can't move to intensive farming with high yield capacities, as different from expansive farming and low yields.

The conservation aspect in Tanzania, of big cats on the one hand and of the

top five in the world's endangered species generally, is in the second order of governance problems in that sector, the first being human-wildlife conflicts. With rising populations both of herders and farmers, it is hard to maintain conservation zones intact, so the government is having to reallocate portions of less important wildlife zones for farming and cattle rearing. The result is a gradual diminution of cohesive areas for wildlife movement out of seasonal needs, as water sources dry out in some spots and need to use other spots.

Outside direct reallocation of zones for agro-pastoral use, excessive proximity of settled areas and reserves is a problem, while its other more irritating face is proximity of agro-cultivators and nomadic pastoralists. A pernicious aspect of this problem is that it has a channel of exchanging coins where the sellers of cattle purchase peace from local administrators after any of their often repeated misdemeanors so peace is put at risk. Some will say there are fewer instances of that kind these days, but it still hurts.

Yet a note of alarm was being sounded by wildlife experts in the northern zone that at the rate at which the ferocious cats are being killed in ongoing human-wildlife conflicts on reserved corridors, Tanzania too could soon lose these important, but now endangered creatures. A seasoned researcher in the area,

Dr Bernard Kissui who studies lions within the Tarangire-Burunge-Manyara eco-system, says that the cats have been suffering attacks from local herders, along the Kwakuchinja wildlife corridor. If in nature substitute options don't exist, when lions need corridors and can't use them, what follows is decimation.

## Peace surely now more crucial for humankind than ever before

EACH year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. 2020 Theme: Shaping Peace Together

This year, it has been clearer than ever that we are not each other's enemies. Rather, our common enemy is a tireless virus that threatens our health, security and very way of life. COVID-19 has thrown our world into turmoil and forcibly reminded us that what happens in one part of the planet can impact people everywhere.

In March, UN Secretary-General António Guterres called on all warring parties to lay down their weapons and focus on the battle against this unprecedented global pandemic. While the message is intended for armed parties, solidarity and cooperation across borders, sectors and generations are also needed to win this new fight against the worst public health crisis of our time.

The International Day of Peace, sometimes unofficially known as World Peace Day, is a United Nations-sanctioned holiday observed annually on 21 September. It is dedicated to world peace, and specifically the absence of war and violence, such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access. The day was first celebrated in 1981, and is kept by many nations, political groups, military groups, and people. In 2013 the day was dedicated by the Secretary-General of the United Nations to peace education, the key preventive means to reduce war sustainably.

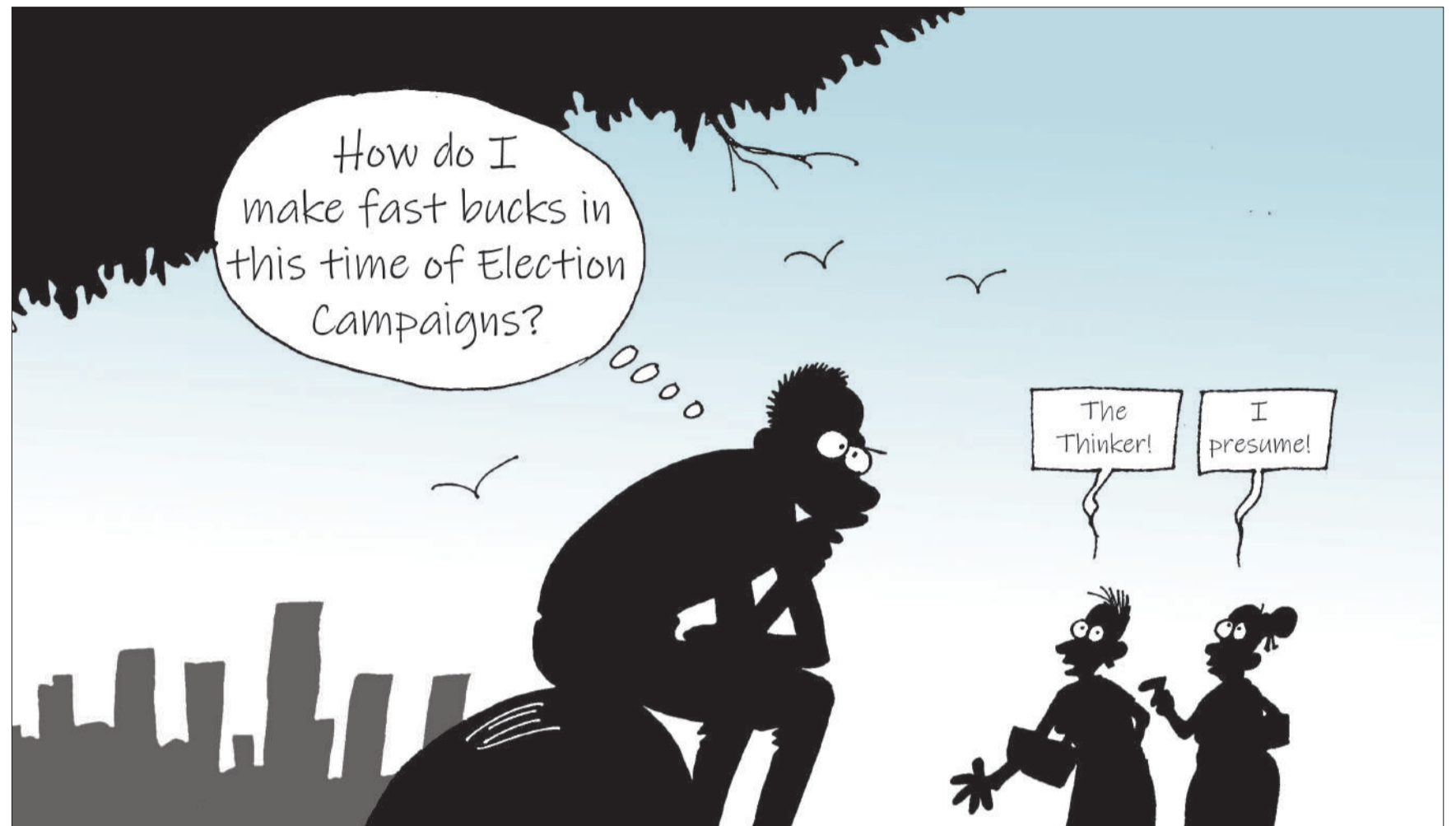
To inaugurate the day, the United Nations Peace Bell is rung at UN Headquarters (in New York City). The bell is cast from coins donated by children from all continents except Africa, and was a gift from the United Nations Association of Japan, as "a

reminder of the human cost of war"; the inscription on its side reads, "Long live absolute world peace".

In other words, peace is a concept of societal friendship and harmony in the absence of hostility and violence. In a social sense, peace is commonly used to mean a lack of conflict (such as war) and freedom from fear of violence between individuals or groups. Throughout history leaders have used peacemaking and diplomacy to establish a certain type of behavioural restraint that has resulted in the establishment of regional peace or economic growth through various forms of agreements or peace treaties. Such behavioural restraint has often resulted in the reduction of conflicts, greater economic interactivity, and consequently substantial prosperity.

"Psychological peace" (such as a peaceful thinking and emotions) is perhaps less well defined yet often a necessary precursor to establishing "behavioral peace." Peaceful behavior sometimes results from a "peaceful inner disposition." Some have expressed the belief that peace can be initiated with a certain quality of inner tranquility that does not depend upon the uncertainties of daily life for its existence. The acquisition of such a "peaceful internal disposition" for oneself and others can contribute to resolving of otherwise seemingly irreconcilable competing interests.

The obligation of the state to provide for domestic peace within its borders is usually charged to the police and other general domestic policing activities. The police are a constituted body of persons empowered by a state to enforce the law, to protect the lives, liberty and possessions of citizens, and to prevent crime and civil disorder. Their powers include the power of arrest and the legitimized use of force. The term is most commonly associated with the police forces of a sovereign state that are authorized to exercise the police power of that state within a defined legal or territorial area of responsibility.



## Unsafe abortion hurting Malawi women: Pregnancy termination bill is important piece of legislation

By Mike Fiko

STATE House confirmed recently that the Termination of Pregnancy Bill will be tabled in the current sitting of Parliament. As expected, voices against this bill are already soaring.

For instance, the Malawi Council of Churches, Episcopal Conference of Malawi, Muslim Association of Malawi, Evangelical Association of Malawi and Qadria Muslims Association of Malawi have all spoken against the proposed bill.

But before we stand against this proposed bill, have we really understood what this bill is all about and what problem it intends to solve?

We have a serious health challenge facing our women in form unsafe abortion. Law or no law, our women and girls, every day, are indulging in unsafe abortion and it's destroying their wombs, some are dying and, of course, the country is losing a lot of money in post-abortion care.

For instance, according to a 2009 government study, there were about 70 500 induced abortions in Malawi. Of these, almost half are younger than 25 years old, four out of five are married and about two-thirds live in rural areas.

According to the study, an estimated one in five women had severe complications, seven percent had moderate complications and 73 percent had low or no complications.

Economically, unsafe abortion is rearing its ugly head on the country's thin purse. In providing post-abortion care, government loses between \$300 000 (K120 million) and \$500 000 (K200 million) every year.

Arguably, this is a challenge we must handle as a nation. There is no way we can look otherwise when our women are facing a problem.

In solving this problem, we need, in the first place, to ask: What is driving our women to indulge in safe abortion?

There are two major reasons why most women and girls opt for unsafe abortion. One, because safe abortion is costly and, two, because there is a perception that abortion is illegal.

To address this, government has come up with a Pregnancy Termination Bill with a goal to, one, make safe abortion free and, two, expand the grounds of procuring abortion.

But let us face facts, first.

Contrary to popular views, abortion, under Section 243 of the Penal Code, is legal in Malawi.

The section says performing an abortion is not a crime if it is done "for



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the preservation of the mother's life, if the performance of the operation is reasonable, having regard to the patient's state at the time, and to all the circumstances of the case.”

At the same time, under Sections 149-151 of the Penal Code, abortion legislation is very restrictive.

Section 149 says “a person who assists a woman to abort is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for up to 14 years” while Section 150 provides that “a woman who aborts or attempts to abort is guilty of a felony and may be imprisoned for up to 7 years.”

In addition, Section 151 says “any supplier of items, drugs etc is guilty of a felony if he/she was aware that the item is intended to be used for

abortion, and may be imprisoned for up to 3 years.”

What this means is that despite abortion being legal, the law is very restrictive in the sense that it demands that abortion should be carried out by “any person with reasonable care and skill to carry out an operation to preserve the mother's life.”

What we have is that there are no standards and guidelines to guide policy makers, NGOs, the Ministry of Health and medical professionals on how to apply Section 243 of the Penal Code.

This section is vague. For instance, it fails to answer questions such as: who makes a decision that the pregnancy should be terminated between doctor and patient? At what stage can this decision be made? At which health facility? What are the counseling guidelines? What about religious beliefs? What about family planning awareness?

The net effect of this is that there are free-for-all abortions being carried out by many unskilled people. The result is that we have a situation that all complications related to unsafe abortions are ending up in hospitals.

So, hospitals are spending a lot of time and resources providing post-abortion care from unsafe abortions. This is in form of providing space in the wards and ICU, operations in theatre and provisions of necessary drugs.

The country needs to open up and start talking about the issue, scale up family planning and reform the law on abortions.

This current situation is fueling a lot of unsafe abortions. It is costly to the nation, and the space to access safe abortion is very limited.

If you can ask Malawians now whether women are having abortion almost everybody will say ‘yes’. But if you go further and ask them as to ‘how’ and ‘where’, there will be a lot of murmuring and hiding of information.

If you go to the hospitals especially gynecological wards they will tell you that 30 percent of the space is being occupied by unsafe abortion patients.

Then you realise there is chaos which should not continue where women are injured and killed. It is time to put in place a proper law that will address the problem and stop women from dying.

This is what the bill, to be tabled in Parliament, wants to address. That is why this bill is important and we should all support it.



# Environment minister picks CRDB as greening Tanzania brand ambassador

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

**C**RDB Bank Plc has been named as the country's tree growing campaign ambassador by Minister of State in Vice President's Office responsible for Environment and Union Affairs, Mussa Hassan Zungu.

Speaking in Dar es Salaam over the weekend when he launched the bank's campaign christened, 'Beautify Tanzania,' Zungu said the bank has taken charge of the exercise to promote tree planting hence deserves to lead the nationwide campaign.

"I would like to congratulate CRDB Bank's leadership for coming up with the timely innovative exercise that mobilises Tanzanians to plant trees and conserve the environment. The government will continue supporting such initiatives so that together we should improve and beautify our surroundings for the benefit of the current and future generations," he said.

The Minister explained that CRDB's initiative aligns well with the government's environmental conservation plans which also require all district councils in the country to plant 1.5 million trees annually through National Plan to Stop Desertification and Draughts. The campaign's launch which was attended by Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Aboubakar Kunenge was attended by thousands of people in the outskirts of the commercial capital.

Speaking at the same event, RC Kunenge commended the Dar es Salaam based lender for championing the campaign and called upon residents to actively take part in it. "I say thank you CRDB for giving residents of Dar es Salaam the honour to take part in beautifying their environment," he said while pledging to ensure the campaign succeeds.

The bank's Managing Director, Abdulmajid Nsekela said the campaign is continuation of CRDB's investment in community services to boost development activities. He said the bank allocates one percent of its net profit annually to invest in community services with focus on education, health and the environment.

"Our decision to organise this campaign is to mobilise the community in adopting the culture of tree planting as a routine exercise in life. We have started by planting 2,000 trees in all schools located in Goba Ward so that they should have beautiful environments," Nsekela noted.

The CRDB chief further explained that the countrywide campaign will not only plant trees in schools but also villages and other public places. "We want the exercise to be sustainable hence the bank will also donate equipment such as water pumps, tree seedlings to schools and other public institutions," he added.

He said the bank which is an accredited Green Climate Fund institution has also taken a number of measures to reduce carbon emissions in its daily business activities to curb global warming. "We have invested in digital channels to serve our bank customers which reduced use of paper and ink," Nsekela revealed.

The lender is the only bank in East Africa to have GCF accreditation which gives it access to global financing sources that support environmental friendly projects which reduce carbon emissions. The bank can finance projects of up to US\$250 million.

Speaking at the same event, Goba Ward Education Officer, Edward Shilamba also thanked CRDB's management for choosing the area to kick-start the nationwide exercise saying the Dar es Salaam suburb is already facing shortage of trees due to developers who are investing in housing projects. "I can assure you that residents of Goba will back this campaign strongly because its timely," Shilamba said.

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Minister of State Union and Environment, Mussa Azan Zungu talking to Goba secondary and primary school students as well as Goba ward residents who attended the launch of the Pendeza Tanzania campaign. Zungu commended CRDB Bank for initiating the campaign and appointed the Bank as environment ambassador. He urged the Bank to continue with its efforts to support environmental conservation in the country.



Minister of State Union and Environment, Mussa Azan Zungu posing for a group photo with CRDB Bank Management standing at the back during the launch of the "Pendezesha Tanzania" campaign. The campaign was launched to support Government's goal of planting 1.5 million trees in each district as a part of environmental protection.



CRDB Bank Board Deputy Chairman, Prof. Neema Mori watering a tree during the launch of the Pendeza Tanzania campaign, which was launched in partnership between CRDB Bank and the Office of the Vice President Union and Environment. The campaign was launched at Goba Secondary School in Dar es Salaam.



CRDB Bank Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela planting a tree during the launch of the Pendeza Tanzania campaign launched in partnership between CRDB Bank and the Office of the Vice President Union and Environment. CRDB Bank plans to use its nationwide network of branches to run the Pendeza Tanzania campaign.



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Dar es Salaam Regional Commissioner, Aboubakar Kunenge watering a tree during the launch of the Pendezsha Tanzania campaign. The Regional Commissioner called upon Dar es Salaam residents to support the campaign by planting at least one tree each to beautify their surrounding areas.



Minister of State Union and Environment, Mussa Azan Zungu (Centre) helping to clean up the environment as part of the Pendezsha Tanzania campaign. Others in the picture are; CRDB Bank Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela (2nd R), Head of CRDB Bank Government Business Unit, Dr. Bennet Bankobeza (1st L), CRDB Bank Eastern Zone Manager, Badru Idd (1st R), and CRDB Bank Goba Branch Manager John Magwisha.



The Minister of State Union and Environment, Mussa Azan Zungu received by CRDB Bank Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela at the launch of the Pendezsha Tanzania campaign. Looking on is the Bank's Director of Corporate Affairs, Tully Mwambapa.



Children participating in a tree planting exercise during the launch of the Pendezsha Tanzania campaign. Minister Zungu called upon across the country to teach their children the importance of planting trees in environmental conservation.



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Minister of State Union and Environment, Mussa Azan Zungu and CRDB Bank Managing Director and Group CEO, Abdulmajid Nsekela celebrating with Goba ward primary and secondary school students during the launch of the Pendezsha Tanzania campaign. Zungu urged all students in the country to participate in the tree planting exercise to improve their learning environment.



# IITA, CIMMYT team up to enhance adoption of CA in southern Africa

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, LILONGWE

THE International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) have launched a project that aims to investigate the drivers and barriers to adoption of Conservation Agriculture (CA) in southern Africa and to develop strategies for achieving adoption and impact at scale.

The project, Understanding and Enhancing Adoption of Conservation Agriculture in Smallholder Farming Systems of Southern Africa (ACASA), will apply social and scaling science to understand the biophysical, socioeconomic, institutional, and policy drivers and barriers to the adoption of CA technologies and practices.

ACASA is supported by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad) and will be implemented in Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe in collaboration with the CA stakeholders and farmers in the region.

The project was officially launched virtually on 16 September 2020 by the Zambia Minister of Agriculture, Michael Katambo.

Katambo noted it was a timely intervention as the livelihoods and food security of smallholder farmers in southern Africa are increasingly being threatened by climate change and variability that had led to a steady decline in the production of food staples and an increase in the number of food and nutrition insecure people over the last couple of years.

'It is now clear that current produc-

tivity and production levels cannot be expected to meet our requirements for food and nutrition security. Conservation Agriculture (CA) has a proven potential to increase and stabilize crop yields and to support sustainable and resilience production systems and rural livelihoods,' he said in a speech read on his behalf by Dr Moses Mwale, Director, Department of Agriculture at the Ministry.

CA, a farming system that promotes minimum soil disturbance, permanent soil cover, and diversification of plant species, can efficiently increase agricultural productivity while reducing land degradation and improving soil health for more productive, profitable, and sustainable farming.

Substantial on-farm experimental evidence has been generated on the agronomic and economic benefits of CA, first introduced in the 70s in south Africa. Consequently, a lot of investments have been made by the donor community and national governments to promote and scale CA technologies and practices among smallholder farmers in the region. Despite all these efforts, however, the adoption rate among smallholder farmers remains low.

'We should not let the low adoption of conservation agriculture discourage us. Let us use this opportunity to reflect and identify the missing link and come up with more sustainable solutions to the problem,' said the IITA Director for Southern Africa Dr David Chikoye, speaking at the launch.

'Although adoption of improved practices by most resource-poor farm-

ers is primarily determined by the potential immediate benefits on crop yields, profits, risk, and livelihoods, there are a number of biophysical, socioeconomic, institutional, and policy factors that promote or hinder adoption of CA. The project, therefore, aims to identify the adoption drivers and barriers and develop pathways and strategies for inclusive scaling of CA practices,' added Dr Arega Alene, IITA Agricultural Economist based in Malawi, who leads the project at IITA.

Also speaking at the launch, Christian Thierfelder, Principal Cropping Systems Agronomist at CIMMYT, highlighted some of the bottlenecks for CA adoption noting they were linked more to socioeconomic and cultural factors rather than biophysical.

'CA is a viable and proven climate smart farming system. Therefore future research efforts should go towards understanding farmers' decision-making and behavioral change as well as profitability,' he said.

Other key partners include Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), African Conservation Tillage Network (ACTN) and Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA).

The project launch was attended by policymakers, donors, and members of the national and regional CA taskforces, national and international research institutions, universities, international development institutions, private seed companies, non-governmental organizations, and farmer organizations.



# New Asian mosquito could bring malaria to African urban cities, warn scientists

By Natalie Grover

ALREADY grappling with the highest incidence of malaria with more than 90 per cent of global cases, Africa should be wary of an Asian mosquito species that has the potential to spread the disease into the continent's urban areas - subjecting an additional 126 million people to risk - a new analysis suggests.

Unlike endemic mosquito species in Africa, which have made themselves at home in warm and wet climates in largely rural areas, this particular mosquito - *An. stephensi* - has made an appearance in African cities in recent years.

'This mosquito is unlike any other primary malaria vector found in Africa - it can live in urban areas that other species just don't like,' said the lead author, Dr Marianne Sinka from the University of Oxford.

'As about 40% of Africa's population live in urban areas, this means there are a lot of people who are currently protected by their environment that could become exposed - if the mosquito spreads.'

Unlike this species' predecessors, who are usually unable to survive in polluted water, *An. stephensi* is highly adapted to finding man-made water tanks or containers to lay its eggs, with larval site habits similar to *Aedes aegypti*, the species responsible for outbreaks of yellow fever and Zika.

This similarity could be exploited to bring in control measures that have previously worked for *Aedes aegypti*, although mosquitoes are notoriously difficult to control in urban areas where suitable water sources are abundant, she added.

Since 2012, outbreaks of malaria thought to be caused

by *An. stephensi* have been reported in Djibouti City, and recently in Ethiopia and Sudan. To predict the spread of the species in Africa, the researchers combined location data for *An. stephensi* across geography with spatial models that identified the environmental conditions that it finds most suitable.

The results were sobering - 44 out of 68 African cities were predicted to be 'highly suitable' locations, putting roughly 126 million additional people at a heightened risk of malaria if the species were to proliferate unchecked.

The causes of malaria transmission are evident - data show land use patterns, climate change as well as migration and urbanisation all contribute. But in the case of *An. stephensi*, migration to urban areas, particularly along transport routes, appears to be implicated,

the researchers said.

'We know that migration can bring the parasite to places that have little or no transmission. Global transport has historically moved many species to new locations and caused significant environmental damage over the years. In mosquito terms, notably *Aedes albopictus*, the primary vector of dengue ... and now *An. stephensi*,' noted Sinka.

'The paper indicates big urban regions ... could be at major risk, but there's no evidence that this mosquito is there yet,' said Prof Chris Drakeley from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, who was not involved in the study.

'It's highlighting a potential problem rather than an actual problem. But what do we need to do to stop that sort of kind scenario happening? I think that would be really useful.'



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## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS –RFP

Terms of reference to produce short documentary and booklet highlighting "Voices from CSOs" for Tanzania, Kenya & Uganda, Madagascar and Mozambique

### 1. BACKGROUND

The World Wide Fund for Nature WWF in Tanzania (WWF Tanzania) with support from Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is implementing a regional programme project aimed at securing Eastern Africa region's forests.

In a bid to ensure Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) are engaging more effectively in regional policy dialogues regarding the management of forest resources, the regional forest programme is seeking to document their insights on challenges, achievements and lessons learnt in the forest sector.

The aim of this TOR is therefore to produce film documentary and book publication highlighting CSO voices in leading the change in Eastern and Southern Africa (Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Madagascar and Mozambique).

### 2.0 OBJECTIVES OF CONSULTANCY

The overall objective of the consultancy is to assist WWF Tanzania in producing one (1) 10minute film documentary, five 2-minute short clips and (1) booklet that will capture and share lessons about forest management in the east African region.

The implementation of this assignment will contribute to the following:

- Exploration of issues, concerns and insight to key issues regarding forest management in the east African region;
- Creation of opportunities for exchange of lessons about forest reserves, community-based forest management (CBFM), community and Local Government Authorities (LGAs) members, resulting in strengthened links between communities and community members;

### 3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The consultant(s) will be required to fulfil the following tasks:

- Visit the WWF Tanzania headquarters in Dar es Salaam to discuss the themes to be covered in the film documentary and booklet, refine the methodology required for execution of work, and arrange for associated logistics, under coordination of the project's Communications Officer;
- Travel to each country and interview CSO partners on agreed themes;
- Undertake production of one 10-minute film documentary and 5 2-minute short clips based on the key issues identified and mapped above;
- Present the video to regional forest staff for review and input before producing the final version of the documentary and booklet.

### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

The consultant(s) are to communicate with the five Regional forest programme countries - Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and Madagascar to mobilize CSOs in each country to participate and share experiences.

### 4.0 WWF SUPPORT

The consultant (s) will work very closely with the Regional Forest team to ensure expected quality is achieved, including adherence to WWF Network Standards, Procedures and Branding.

For literature and background review, the following documents are to be availed to the consultant:

- Regional Forest Project document
- Forest Act and Regulations

### 5.0 DELIVERABLES

Deliverables under this assignment are:

- One full-length (10minute) video in Kiswahili (with English subtitles)
- Five short clips (2min) in Kiswahili and English subtitles, each briefly highlighting a key issue/lesson regarding forest operations and management;
- A 10-page booklet discussing the issues highlighted in the documentary;
- An Implementation Report detailing execution of the task.

### 6.0 DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

It is envisaged that the service contract will run for a period of one and a half month from the date of signing a contract with WWF.

### 7.0 CONSULTANT REQUIREMENTS AND ATTRIBUTES

Qualifications and Key Requirements:

- Consultant(s) must have demonstrated knowledge and experience in undertaking production of documentary videos, and/or similar tasks;
- Consultant(s) must be able to use Adobe Photoshop and InDesign as well have knowledge of video editing software and motion graphics;
- Consultant(s) must have demonstrated experience and competency in working with coastal communities and Community-based organizations (CBOs) or Civil-society organizations (CSOs) involved in natural resource management and/or environmental conservation;
- Consultant(s) must be experienced and able to work within deadlines and in multicultural and multi-religious environments;
- Consultant(s) must have demonstrated writing and communication skills.

### 8.0 CONSULTANT PROPOSAL;

To express interest in this activity, the consultant(s) are required to submit a proposal containing two separate documents

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- Consultant(s) must be experienced and able to work within deadlines and in multicultural and multi-religious environments
- Technical proposal, detailing how the task is to be implemented based on the scope and deliverables outlined above. The document should mention the expected time to deliver the service and be accompanied by CVs of the main persons involved in the activity;
- Financial proposal, detailing the operation time and cost implications of undertaking the task

### 9.0 REPORTING

- Inception report, following initial meeting with WWF staff and having discussion of the intended methodologies and logistical arrangements. This will be pre-requisite in order for the consultant to continue with the activity. Approved inception report will then act as the new guidance for the implementation of the service to be rendered.
- Final activity report, describing the activities undertaken during rendering of this service and citing areas of improvement in the future such undertaking.

### SCHEDULE OF IMPLEMENTATION

Please note that this assignment is to be completed in regional countries i.e. Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and Madagascar.

Number of days	Activity	Participants
3	Consultation with WWF TCO project staff (discussions and administration)	Consultations WWF Regional Forest staff
4	Consultation with key personnel in WWF regional offices (Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and Madagascar)	Consultants WWF Focal points in each country
10	Consultation with regional CSOs (shooting video and gathering stories in Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Mozambique and Madagascar)	Consultants 2 CSOs in each country
6	Travel Dar es Salaam – Kenya – Uganda – Mozambique – Madagascar – Dar es Salaam	Consultants 2 CSOs in each country
7	Report writing, book editing and presentation	Consultants
<b>Total days: 30</b>		

Interested Consultant/Bidder should submit his/her full proposal (both technical and financial) to the Secretary, Procurement Committee, through [tz.procurement@wwf.panda.org](mailto:tz.procurement@wwf.panda.org) email address; physical address:

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7. All applications will be received not later than 17.00pm, Friday 2nd October, 2020, East African Time.

8. Only successful applicant will be contacted



# Good morning President: Transparency needed in government contracts and jobs

By Special Correspondent

**W**e commend you for successfully steering the affairs of this country to date.

Mr. President, your government should always try to see that transparency is applied in the awarding of contracts and jobs in all government offices.

All tenders for contracts or vacancies should be advertised in the newspapers for the bidding to be competitive and fair. Government should no longer allow pre-financing of projects like the Banjul roads project with Hadim Gai, which is D1.8 billion. Since there are 12 banks in this country, any future projects that Government has, the banks should be contracted if they can offer any intervention.

Mr. President, it is wrong to go in for a contractor to pre-finance government project as it will not tell well and people will question the rationale.

In recent times, there have been allegations of serious and endemic corruption in the government procurement system involving procurement units of some important government ministries.

If these allegations are found to be true, then it is deeply worrying as the funds involved are either tax payers' money or grants and loans given to the Gambian people.

Mr. President, when such allegations are made, government should not take it lightly as the citizenry expect a thorough and transparent act be conducted by the competent authorities to ascertain the veracity or otherwise of the allegations.

If this is not done, people would justifiably be very doubtful about the good intentions of the leadership for the country. It is alleged by whistle blowers that government contracts are often highly inflated to accommodate kickbacks for government officials and authorities handling such contracts.

Mr. President, the bidding processes are also fraudulent with blatant multiple irregularities. Example, unjustifiable single sourcing to be able to award contracts to the supplier; they can make the most corrupt deals with awarding contracts to a few people who have little or no expertise in what they are supplying, be it goods or services, cutting across several ministries; engaging dubious suppliers both locally and overseas etc. All this is done despite the existence of The New Gambia.

Mr. President, the Public Procurement Authority (GPPA) should operate under strict guidelines to ensure that the procurement units of the different ministries including the Permanent Secretaries, who are the accounting officers, strictly adhere to the clearly established procurement rules.

At the end of the day, the buck ends with a honourable minister who should not be oblivious of what's going on within his/her ministry, unless he or she is part of the deal.

Anybody who is aware of the government procurement system during Colonial days and the Jawara regime with the existence of Major and Minor Tender Boards, which clearly minimize the risk of rampant corruption in the government procurement system, would be yearning for that system or something similar to be reintroduced. May the Lord help The Gambia!

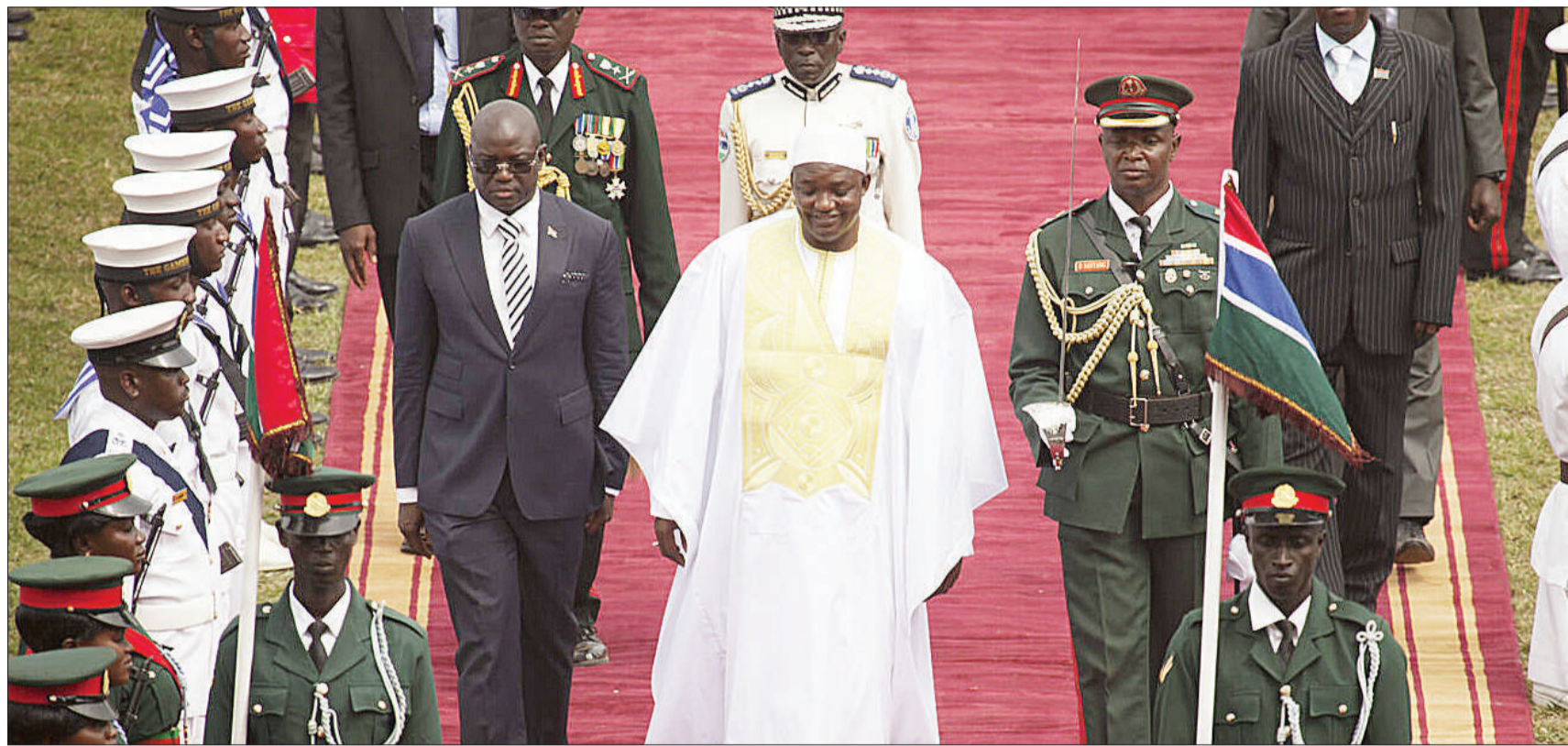
Finally Mr. President, with the COVID 19, government should dialogue with the business community and markets vendors to make sure that they work in harmony regarding the timing of their work schedules.

Teachers working in private schools and hotel workers who have been at home since March and not earning salaries should be considered for aid by the government.

We commend the government for amending the regulations for travellers coming into the country with regard to obtaining a pre -72 hour negative COVID-19 test for travelers.

## Good day, Mr President.

The Gambia officially the Republic of The Gambia, is a country in West Africa. Often referred to as 'The Smiling Coast', it is the smallest country within mainland Africa, and is surrounded



by Senegal, except for its western coast on the Atlantic Ocean. The Gambia is situated on both sides of the lower reaches of the Gambia River, the nation's namesake, which flows through the centre of The Gambia and empties into the Atlantic Ocean. It has an area of 10,689 square kilometres (4,127 sq mi) with a population of 1,857,181 as of the April 2013 census. Banjul is the Gambian capital and the country's largest metropolitan area. The largest cities are Serekunda and Brikama.

The Gambia shares historical roots with many other West African nations in the slave trade, which was the key factor in the placing and keeping of a colony on the Gambia River, first by the Portuguese, during which era it was known as A Gâmbia. Later, on 25 May 1765, The Gambia was made a part of the British Empire when the government formally assumed control, establishing the Province of Senegambia. In 1965, The Gambia gained independence under the leadership of Dawda Jawara, who ruled until Yahya Jammeh seized power in a bloodless 1994 coup. Adama Barrow became The Gambia's third president in January 2017, after defeating Jammeh in the December 2016 elections. Jammeh initially accepted the results, then refused to accept them, which triggered a constitutional crisis and military intervention by the Economic Community of West African States, resulting in his exile.

The Gambia's economy is dominated by farming, fishing and, especially, tourism. In 2015, 48.6 per cent of the population lived in poverty. In rural areas, poverty is even more widespread, at almost 70 per cent.

## Etymology

The name "Gambia" is derived from the Mandinka term Kambra/Kambaa, meaning Gambia River (or possibly from the sacred Serer Gamba, a special type of calabash beaten when a Serer elder dies). According to the CIA World Factbook, the United States Department of State, the Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World and the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use, The Gambia is one of two countries whose self-standing short name for official use should begin with the word "The" (the other being The Bahamas). (Habitually, the definite article is sometimes still used when addressing many other countries, including Netherlands, Philippines, Congo, Sudan, Comoros, Central African Republic, Seychelles, Maldives, Solomon Islands, Dominican Republic, Czech Republic, Marshall Islands, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, with varying degrees of accuracy.) Upon independence in 1965, the country used the name The Gambia. Following

the proclamation of a republic in 1970, the long-form name of the country became Republic of The Gambia. The administration of Yahya Jammeh changed the long-form name to Islamic Republic of The Gambia in December 2015. On 29 January 2017 President Adama Barrow changed the name back to Republic of The Gambia.

## History

Arab traders provided the first written accounts of the Gambia area in the ninth and tenth centuries. During the tenth century, Muslim merchants and scholars established communities in several West African commercial centres. Both groups established trans-Saharan trade routes, leading to a large export trade of local people as slaves, along with gold and ivory, as well as imports of manufactured goods.

By the 11th or 12th century, the rulers of kingdoms such as Takrur (a monarchy centred on the Senegal River just to the north) ancient Ghana and Gao had converted to Islam and had appointed to their courts Muslims who were literate in the Arabic language. At the beginning of the 14th century, most of what is today called The Gambia was part of the Mali Empire. The Portuguese reached this area by sea in the mid-15th century and began to dominate overseas trade.

In 1588, the claimant to the Portuguese throne, António, Prior of Crato, sold exclusive trade rights on the Gambia River to English merchants. Letters patent from Queen Elizabeth I confirmed the grant. In 1618, King James I of England granted a charter to an English company for trade with the Gambia and the Gold Coast (now Ghana). Between 1651 and 1661, some parts of the Gambia – St. Andrew's Island in the Gambia River including Fort Jakob, and St. Mary Island (modern day Banjul) and Fort Jallifree – came under the rule of the Duchy of Courland and Semigallia (now in modern-day Latvia), having been bought by Prince Jacob Kettler. The colonies were formally ceded to England in 1664.

During the late 17th century and throughout the 18th century, the British Empire and the French Empire struggled continually for political and commercial supremacy in the regions of the Senegal River and the Gambia River. The British Empire occupied the Gambia when an expedition led by Augustus Keppel landed there following the Capture of Senegal in 1758. The 1783 First Treaty of Versailles gave Great Britain possession of the Gambia River, but the French retained a tiny enclave at Albrede on the river's north bank. This was finally ceded to the United Kingdom in 1856.

As many as three million people may have been taken as slaves from this general region during

the three centuries that the transatlantic slave trade operated. It is not known how many people were taken as slaves by intertribal wars or Muslim traders before the transatlantic slave trade began. Most of those taken were sold by other Africans to Europeans: some were prisoners of intertribal wars; some were victims sold because of unpaid debts, and many others were simply victims of kidnapping.

Traders initially sent people to Europe to work as servants until the market for labour expanded in the West Indies and North America in the 18th century. In 1807, the United Kingdom abolished the slave trade throughout its empire. It also tried, unsuccessfully, to end the slave trade in the Gambia. Slave ships intercepted by the Royal Navy's West Africa Squadron in the Atlantic were also returned to the Gambia, with people who had been slaves released on MacCarthy Island far up the Gambia River where they were expected to establish new lives. The British established the military post of Bathurst (now Banjul) in 1816.

Gambia Colony and Protectorate (1821-1965)

In the ensuing years, Banjul was at times under the jurisdiction of the British Governor-General in Sierra Leone. In 1888, The Gambia became a separate colony.

An agreement with the French Republic in 1889 established the present boundaries. The Gambia became a British Crown colony called British Gambia, divided for administrative purposes into the colony (city of Banjul and the surrounding area) and the protectorate (remainder of the territory). The Gambia received its own executive and legislative councils in 1901, and it gradually progressed toward self-government. Slavery was abolished in 1906 and following a brief conflict between the British colonial forces and indigenous Gambians, British colonial authority was firmly established.

During World War II, some soldiers fought with the Allies of World War II. Though these soldiers fought mostly in Burma, some died closer to home and a Commonwealth War Graves Commission cemetery is in Fajara (close to Banjul). Banjul contained an airstrip for the US Army Air Forces and a port of call for Allied naval convoys.

After World War II, the pace of constitutional reform increased. Following general elections in 1962, the United Kingdom granted full internal self-governance in the following year.

## Post-Independence (1965-present)

The Gambia achieved independence on 18 February 1965, as a constitutional monarchy within the Commonwealth, with Elizabeth

II as Queen of the Gambia, represented by the Governor-General. Shortly thereafter, the national government held a referendum proposing that the country become a republic. This referendum failed to receive the two-thirds majority required to amend the constitution, but the results won widespread attention abroad as testimony to The Gambia's observance of secret balloting, honest elections, civil rights, and liberties.

On 24 April 1970, The Gambia became a republic within the Commonwealth, following a second referendum. Prime Minister Sir Dawda Kairaba Jawara assumed the office of President, an executive post, combining the offices of head of state and head of government.

President Sir Dawda Jawara was re-elected five times. An attempted coup on 29 July 1981 followed a weakening of the economy and allegations of corruption against leading politicians. The coup attempt occurred while President Jawara was visiting London and was carried out by the leftist National Revolutionary Council, composed of Kukoi Samba Sanyang's Socialist and Revolutionary Labour Party (SRLP) and elements of the Field Force, a paramilitary force which constituted the bulk of the country's armed forces.

President Jawara requested military aid from Senegal, which deployed 400 troops to The Gambia on 31 July. By 6 August, some 2,700 Senegalese troops had been deployed, defeating the rebel force. Between 500 and 800 people were killed during the coup and the ensuing violence. In 1982, in the aftermath of the 1981 attempted coup, Senegal and The Gambia signed a treaty of confederation. The Senegambia Confederation aimed to combine the armed forces of the two states and to unify their economies and currencies. After just seven years, The Gambia permanently withdrew from the confederation in 1989.

In 1994, the Armed Forces Provisional Ruling Council (AFPRC) deposed the Jawara government and banned opposition political activity. Lieutenant Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh, chairman of the AFPRC, became head of state. Jammeh was just 29 years old at the time of the coup. The AFPRC announced a transition plan to return to a democratic civilian government. The Provisional Independent Electoral Commission (PIEC) was established in 1996 to conduct national elections and transformed into the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) in 1997 and became responsible for the registration of voters and for the conduct of elections and referendums.

In late 2001 and early 2002, The Gambia completed a full cycle of presidential, legislative, and local

elections, which foreign observers deemed free, fair, and transparent. President Yahya Jammeh, who was elected to continue in the position he had assumed during the coup, took the oath of office again on 21 December 2001. Jammeh's Alliance for Patriotic Reorientation and Construction (APRC) maintained its strong majority in the National Assembly, particularly after the main opposition United Democratic Party (UDP) boycotted the legislative elections. (It has participated in elections since, however).

On 2 October 2013, the Gambian interior minister announced that The Gambia would leave the Commonwealth with immediate effect, ending 48 years of membership of the organisation. The Gambian government said it had "decided that The Gambia will never be a member of any neo-colonial institution and will never be a party to any institution that represents an extension of colonialism".

Incumbent President Jammeh faced opposition leaders Adama Barrow from the Independent Coalition of parties and Mamma Kandeh from the Gambia Democratic Congress party in the December 2016 presidential elections. The Gambia sentenced main opposition leader and human rights advocate Ousainou Darboe to 3 years in prison in July 2016, disqualifying him from running in the presidential election.

Following the 1 December 2016 elections, the elections commission declared Adama Barrow the winner of the presidential election. Jammeh, who had ruled for 22 years, first announced he would step down after losing the 2016 election before declaring the results void and calling for a new vote, sparking a constitutional crisis and leading to an invasion by an ECOWAS coalition. On 20 January 2017, Jammeh announced that he had agreed to step down and would leave the country.

On 14 February 2017, The Gambia began the process of returning to its membership of the Commonwealth and formally presented its application to re-join to Secretary-General Patricia Scotland on 22 January 2018.[38][39] Boris Johnson, who became the first British Foreign Secretary to visit The Gambia since the country gained independence in 1965, announced that the British government welcomed The Gambia's return to the Commonwealth. The Gambia officially rejoined the Commonwealth on 8 February 2018.

## Geography

The Gambia is a very small and narrow country whose borders mirror the meandering Gambia River. It lies between latitudes 13 and 14°N, and longitudes 13 and 17°W.

The Gambia is less than 50 kilometres (31 miles) wide at its widest point, with a total area of 11,295 km<sup>2</sup> (4,361 sq mi). About 1,300 square kilometres (500 square miles) (11.5 pc) of The Gambia's area are covered by water. It is the smallest country on the African mainland. In comparative terms, The Gambia has a total area slightly less than that of the island of Jamaica.

Jamaica surrounds The Gambia on three sides, with 80 km (50 mi) of coastline on the Atlantic Ocean marking its western extremity.

The present boundaries were defined in 1889 after an agreement between the United Kingdom and France. During the negotiations between the French and the British in Paris, the French initially gave the British around 200 miles (320 km) of the Gambia River to control. Starting with the placement of boundary markers in 1891, it took nearly 15 years after the Paris meetings to determine the final borders of The Gambia. The resulting series of straight lines and arcs gave the British control of areas about 10 miles (16 km) north and south of the Gambia River.

## Climate

The Gambia has a tropical climate. A hot and rainy season normally lasts from June until November, but from then until May, cooler temperatures predominate, with less precipitation. [43] The climate in The Gambia closely resembles that of neighbouring Senegal, of southern Mali, and of the northern part of Benin.



## BUSINESS

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## Red Sea nations must co-operate to ensure waterway stability, say experts

CAIRO

Red Sea coastal nations must step up co-operation to bring stability to the strategic waterway and reduce the presence of regional and global powers trying to carve out spheres of influence there, experts on Thursday told an online seminar organised by a Washington-based think tank.

Equally important, the experts added, was to turn Ethiopia's massive dam on the Nile from a contentious and potentially explosive dispute between Addis Ababa and downstream nations Sudan and Egypt into a catalyst for economic benefits for all three.

Iran, Turkey, Russia and China have in recent years moved to establish a foothold in the Red Sea and Horn of Africa regions, sparking a race for leverage alongside one of the world's busiest shipping routes that link Asia and the Gulf Arab region with Europe to the north or to the Far East.

The conflict in Yemen, where Iranian-backed rebels have for than five years been fighting forces of the Arab-backed legitimate government there, has fuelled tension in the Red Sea and

posed a threat to shipping lanes.

The waterway is of vital economic and strategic importance to Saudi Arabia, the littoral state with the longest shoreline on the Red Sea, said Abdul Aziz Al Sager, founder and director of the Gulf Research Centre. During the talk hosted by the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, he singled out regional heavyweights Turkey and Iran, both Muslim but non-Arab nations, as a source of threat to the security of the Red Sea. Russia and China, he added, were trying to establish a presence there, too.

"We don't welcome their presence," Mr Al Sager said of attempts by Turkey, Iran and Russia to gain a foothold in the Red Sea. Underscoring its interest in enhanced co-operation among littoral states, Saudi Arabia this year launched an organisation grouping nations on the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden.

The newly founded agency groups Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt and Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Djibouti and Somalia. Its declared objectives include the protection of shipping lanes, combating illegal migration, human trafficking and cross-border organised crime.

Alexander Rondos, the European Union's special representative to the Horn of Africa, emphasised the potential danger posed by the long-simmering dispute between Ethiopia on one side and Egypt and Sudan on the other over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam, or GERD.

Egypt fears that the hydroelectric dam could reduce its vital share of the Nile water and has been trying for a decade to persuade Addis Ababa to agree to a legally binding mechanism on dealing with sustained drought and resolving future disputes.

Sudan, on the other hand, fears that a structural rupture in the GERD, which lies less than 20 kilometres east of its border with Ethiopia, could flood large swathes of its territory. It also wants to be involved in the running of the dam to ensure that its own power-generating dams on the Blue Nile function normally. "Every effort must be made to turn this [dispute] into an economic advantage for all three countries," said Mr Rondos, who said the dam, Africa's largest, altered the strategic balance in the Horn of Africa region.

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STRATEGISING

## ACCA members hold virtual conference on rebuilding of economy after Covid-19

By Guardian Reporter

**M**EMBERS of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in Tanzania held a virtual conference at the weekend with focus on how to play their roles in putting the economy on a smooth footing in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak.

Hundreds of the ACCA members and professionals from across the country took part in the annual event christened 'AMC 2020' hosted by Dar es Salaam. "As we focus on a post-pandemic economic recovery, it's important to rethink the future together. This conference was able to bring together so many ACCA members and ambassadors of the profession," said ACCA Tanzania Head, Jenard Lazaro.

Lazaro noted that the impact of the professional body during the pandemic is of key importance hence ACCA members had to define their roles. "It's an opportunity to look ahead to what will shape the future of our profession here and globally in the coming years. It's also an occasion for members to better understand and share experience with each other," he added.

During the conference, participants were taken through an array of presentations aimed at updating them with latest development in areas that are directly linked with the profession. A Principal Tax Officer from Tanzania Revenue Authority, Beatus Nchota informed them of the benefits of filing their employers'



ACCA Tanzania Head, Jenard Lazaro.

and clients' tax returns through a newly introduced electronic system.

"Unlike the previous system, the e-filing one enables taxpayers to file their returns without the hassle of travelling all the way to TRA offices.

They can file the returns at the comfort of their offices instead of the former system that compelled them to visit a TRA office to file their returns," Nchota said.

He pointed out that taxpayers are

no longer compelled to wait for several weeks, months or even years for TRA to login their information before they can pay taxes because with digital filing which started in August, actual assessment is almost conducted instantly thus allowing taxpayers to settle their dues immediately.

"To simplify the process, TRA has also come up with a new set of forms that allow taxpayers to present their information thoroughly," he added while informing ACCA members on the types of taxes for which return filing can be done electronically.

With cybersecurity becoming a hot topic as the world goes digital, Associate Director from PwC, Neemayani Kaduma, reminded the accountants to avoid the allure of falling prey to phishing attacks warning that currently, Tanzanians face the threat of cyber-crime as other countries.

"Data from Tanzania Computer Emergency Response Team - which tracks cyber-attacks in Tanzania shows that attacks have been on the rise as the world goes digital. This means that we are not immune to cyber-attacks, we all have a role to play towards protection of our devices and information that we share," she warned.

Kaduma further pointed out that as the country and the world go digital, cybercriminals are also flooding the internet with numerous phishing e-mails which accountants must always be aware of.

"Falling prey to phishing e-mails may lead to you disclosing confidential and sensitive information such as passwords to cyber-criminals hence as people who deal with confidential information, you need to be extra careful," she added.



National Economic Empowerment Council executive secretary, Beng'i Issa (R) shakes hands with DCB Commercial Bank Plc managing director, Godfrey Ndalalwa during the inauguration of agriculture, residence, livestock and small industries projects for a non government organization called UYACODE at Malivundo Village in Chalinze, Coast Region during the weekend. Photo courtesy of DCB Bank.

EXPANSION

## NCBA Bank launches two branch offices in Arusha

By Guardian Reporter

AS the new merged NCBA Bank extends its services upcountry, Arusha City has become the second destination after Dar es Salaam to open two new branded offices last week.

Speaking during the opening ceremony, NCBA Managing Director and CEO, Margaret Karume thanked the public for embracing the merged bank saying the historic journey to greatness has just begun.

"By combining the strengths of the two previous entities, NCBA becomes a stronger and larger bank, with the financial strength, expertise and regional connectivity to put its customers first," Karume said.

She stated that NCBA will achieve

great strides through an expanded range of products and services that will enable both business and individual customers to go for it and achieve more. "In turn, it will support Tanzania's economic growth aspirations hence we are confident that NCBA Bank has the right financial solutions that will support the sustainability and growth of tourism in Tanzania," she noted.

The two branches in Arusha are amongst the 12 new branches of the bank across the country since its launching in Dar es Salaam in August. In the coming days, NCBA will launch more branches which are already in operation in the regions of Mwanza and Zanzibar, Karume noted.

Speaking at the launch, Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism,

Dr Hamisi Kigwangalla praised NCBA Bank for efforts to boost the country economic growth saying, "NCBA Bank's arrival in the country comes at a timely hour, right after Tanzania had just achieved middle income status and when there is need for new stimulus that will strengthen our economy."

The Minister pointed one of the critical areas that needed financial support in Arusha after the coronavirus outbreak is tourism. "However the fact remains that tourism and its supply and value chains still need a further boost to experience the growth trajectory that we were used to in recent times," Dr Kigwangalla noted.

Speaking at the same event, Regional Administrative Secretary for Arusha, Richard Kwitega also wel-

comed NCBA in the region by pointing out areas of economic interest of the region. "Arusha Region has enormous investment opportunities in both commercial and smallholder farming where staple food crops, horticulture and livestock keeping for food security, industrial use and export are practised," Kwitega said.

He noted that the will do well to support farmers across the entire spectrum of the agriculture value chain, from farm to industry. "This will transform this critical sector of the region's economy so that increased benefits can cascade down to the communities and individuals," he added while noting that Arusha Region's main sector is tourism which contributes more than 17 percent of gross domestic product of the country.



NCBA Bank CEO and managing director, Margaret Karume.



## INVESTMENT

# Prof Shemdoe touts Tunduma as regional trading hub for SSA



Permanent Secretary at the Industry and Trade ministry Professor Riziki Shemdoe.

By Guardian Reporter

**P**LANS are underway to transform Tunduma Township of Songwe Region into a business hub that will serve African regional economic blocks with merchandise coming from Asian countries such as China.

Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Trade and Industry, Professor Riziki Shemdoe said in Dar es Salaam last week when talking to a delegation from Songwe Region which was on a field visit to Export Processing Zones Authority (EPZA) headquarters.

"Tunduma Township is located centrally of East and Southern Africa regions hence can link East African Community and Southern Africa Development Community markets to Asia and others global places. It is high time to implement the plan which will benefit many Tanzanians through trading and employment," he said.

Briefing the PS on the delegation's mission, Songwe Regional Administrative Secretary, Dr Seif Shekhalage said the region has allocated 400 hectares of land for the developing of a Special Economic Zone to attract strategic investors.

"Land allocated for SEZ will be used to attract investors to construction industries, a dry port as statistics show that almost 70 percent of cargo imported through Dar es Salaam port is shipped to SADC countries through Tunduma," Dr Shekhalage said.

He added that an industrial park will allow manufacturers produce goods close to the SADC countries market while the dry port will help imported cargo easily transit through Tanzania Zambia Railways through Tunduma to landlocked destinations.

"This will promote more business and create jobs as currently, 120 tankers, 80 dry cargo trucks and many more cross into Zambia, Malawi, Zimbabwe and Democratic Republic of Congo daily," the RAS added.

On tourism promotion at the newly proposed project, Dr Shekhalage said more health tourists are also crossing through Tunduma Township which within the next five years will a big border city serving several countries.

The government has already allocated 5bn/- for construction of a modern hospital at the border town which will serve patients from SADC countries. Currently, Tunduma health centre serve nearly 250 foreign patients daily.

EPZA's Director of Investment and Promotion, James Maziku said Tunduma Township is a gateway not only to SADC bloc but also most of Africa as more global trade from Asian countries goes through the area as part of the Indian Ocean business corridor.

"Multinational companies may be attracted to invest in Tunduma because it's easy to ship merchandise through Kampiri Mposh in Zambia to Johannesburg in South Africa and export them to Asian markets," Maziku said.

## Libya set to resume production and exports from secure fields and ports

TRIPOLI

Libya is expected to resume production from fields and export crude from ports that are secure, the country's state oil company said on Saturday. The National Oil Corporation said a force majeure in place will be eased across "oilfields and ports that are secure."

Force majeure refers to an unforeseen event outside of a party's control that prevents it from fulfilling its obligations

under a contract. Libya tentatively lifted a six-month long force majeure in July to resume oil exports.

However, the ports were closed a day later after forces allied to Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar called for an equitable distribution of oil revenue across the country. In a televised address, he said the resumption of production would help mitigate electricity shortages by directing more fuel to power plants.

Blockades have resulted in lost Libyan oil production worth \$6.5 billion since the start of the year and led to an increase in the cost of rebuilding infrastructure, according to the NOC. Much of Libya's oil production was affected by the civil war that led to the overthrow of Muammar Qaddafi in 2011.

Production, which stood at about 1.75 million barrels per day before the conflict, fell by 850,000 bpd in the years

that followed as protests and blockades prevented crude exports from leaving the country's ports.

Libya produced 1.2 million bpd in 2018 and 2019, with its output dwindling to a mere 106,000 bpd in August, according to Opec's secondary sources. Earlier this month, oil firms affiliated with the NOC halted some work on their fields and sent workers home after the country recorded a surge in coronavirus cases.

## TRANSFORMATION

## Tafari researcher says exotic tree identification good for economy

By Guardian Reporter, Morogoro

IDENTIFICATION of exotic tree species found in natural forests will help the country come up with better hybrid trees made from blending such species with other alien species for timber and other uses.

Tanzania Forestry Research Institute Director of Research and Production, Dr Siima Bakengesa said last week that quality timber will be an important raw material for manufacturers of wood products hence contribute to rapid economic growth.

Dr Bakengesa pointed out that re-

search and identification of tree species which Tafari researchers are currently undertaking is an important task befitting a middle income economy that heavily depends on industries.

"We have more than 5,000 samples of trees at our herbariums which we have already identified their traditional names and also scientific names which helps us to know how they can be better used productively," he said.

Dr Bakengesa further noted that such research also helps understand how various exotic species of tree can be used for timber, construc-

tion, environmental conservation and human consumption as traditional medicine.

"Some trees are not supposed to be planted or left to grow at water sources because they absorb much water hence degrade the environment," the Tafari Director added while stressing that hybrid trees made from exotic and foreign species are much better than their parents as they combine qualities of both.

He also urged the public to invest in silviculture saying tree cultivation is becoming bid business 1 the country and globally. "Our farmers

must understand that tree farming is more profitable to them individually but also for national economic growth. They should involve us to get expert advice on which are better species of trees to grow," Dr Bakengesa noted.

The Tafari researcher explained that although it takes between 16 and 20 years for a tree to be matured, farmers leap big when harvest time comes. "When you plant a tree today, by 2036 you will leap big with windfall profits," he added.

Tafari's data shows that Southern Highlands Regions of Iringa, Mbeya and Njombe have extensive com-

mercial forests covering 429,539 hectares; Lake Zone covering Geita, Kagera Mara and Mwanza has 65,734 hectares; Northern Zone covering Arusha, Kilimanjaro, Manyara and Tanga has 34,322 hectares; Eastern Zone with Coast, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro has 12,450 hectares; Central Zone with Dodoma, Singida and Tabora has 6,969 hectares; and Western Zone covering Kigoma, Rukwa and Katavi has 8,105 hectares only. Tafari targets to champion commercial forests investment to reach one million hectares from the current over 554,000 hectares in the next ten years.

## SYNERGY

## Emirates, Huawei in partnership to boost application

By Guardian Reporter

EMIRATES and Huawei have announced new collaboration to promote the airline's application among the smartphone maker's clients.

In a statement last week, the Dubai based airline said its application provides easy access to a range of services and functions from flight search and air ticket booking, to check-in, seat and meal selection, as well as Skywards login and account information.

The most recent innovative functions of the Emirates App also include ice playlist creation and syncing to aircraft seats and the airport wayfinder for directions at its Dubai International Airport hub.

The statement noted that the application which is available AppGallery is available in more than 170 countries and regions with 700 million users who are connected to Huawei's smart and innovative ecosystem.

Commenting on the partnership, an Emirates spokesperson said: "It's our pleasure to collaborate with Huawei in order to provide the best possible customer experience, not only onboard and on the ground, but also online. Considering Huawei's strong market position in the Chinese mainland and the UAE, we are proud to collaborate with them on promoting our app."

Subsequent phases of the joint cooperation will see Emirates and Huawei planning to expand features available to the airline's customers by integrating its application with the Huawei Wallet platform.

Huawei's Director, Middle East and Africa Partnerships and Eco-Development at Huawei Consumer Business Group, Lu Geng said innovation is part of the Chinese technology giant's routine activity hence the Emirates partnership has the desire and ability to continuously be at the forefront.

"In this era, where consumer behaviours have changed as we emerge from the pandemic, people rely more than ever on their smartphones to make decisions, including travel-related ones," Geng said.

"This encouraging collaboration paves the way for us to explore future solutions and bringing even more inspiration to travellers and making their travel more convenient and rewarding," he added.

Since January 2020, Emirates passengers have been downloading the Emirates App (Android version) at AppGallery. The recent enhanced collaboration between the two parties extends the shared platform to include smart-card integration, providing a quick booking option for users in the Chinese mainland and the UAE.



Huawei's Director, Lu Geng.

## SLOWDOWN

## Kenya's August tourist arrivals fall 91 percent

NAIROBI

International arrivals fell 91.2 percent last month compared to similar period last year, highlighting the adverse effects of the coronavirus disease on the tourism sector. Kenya received 14,049 tourists in August – the first

month after resumption of international and domestic flights compared to 159,804 international arrivals in similar period last year.

Data from the Tourism Research Institute shows that 6,368 or 45 percent of the tourists came to visit friends and families while 3,685 were

on holiday as the tourism industry started its gradual return to activities last month. A further 2,335 were business travellers while 1,129 were on transit to other countries through the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport and the Moi International Airport in Mombasa.

Kenya suspended all international and domestic flights in March to curb spread of the coronavirus disease, a move that saw the tourism sector lose Sh80 billion in the first half of the year, setting the stage for one of the worst performance for a sector that contributes about 10 percent

of the gross domestic product.

Tourism Secretary Najib Balala said that the ministry will for the first time be releasing the data on travel and tourists arrivals on a monthly basis as the sector slowly reopens after a five-month shutdown.

"The data released is invaluable to the country as it helps us to keep track of international tourist numbers to determine whether tourism and travel is improving since the easing of travel restrictions and the resumption of international flights into the country," said Mr Balala.



TRADE WAR

# Trump green lights Oracle's TikTok agreement and delays App store ban

NEW YORK

Donald Trump gave his blessing to Oracle Corp.'s bid for the American operations of TikTok, putting the popular video-sharing app on course to escape a US ban imposed as part of his pressure campaign against China.

"I approved the deal in concept," Mr Trump told reporters Saturday as he left the White House for a campaign rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina. "If they get it done, that's great. If they don't, that's OK too."

The new company, which will be called TikTok Global, has agreed to funnel \$5 billion in new tax dollars to the US and set up a new education fund, which Mr Trump said would satisfy his demand that the government receive a payment from

the deal. "They're going to be setting up a very large fund," he said. "That's their contribution that I've been asking for."

Oracle plans to take a 12.5 per cent stake in the new TikTok Global, while Walmart Inc. said it has tentatively agreed to buy 7.5 per cent of the entity. Walmart's chief executive Doug McMillon will serve on TikTok Global's board of directors, the retailer said in a statement. Four of the five board seats will be filled by Americans, according to the statement.

During a campaign rally in Fayetteville, North Carolina, Mr Trump told his rally audience that in conversation with leaders of the companies, he said "do me a favor, could you put up \$5bn into a fund for education, so we can educate people as to real history of our country - the



A man entering a TikTok office in Culver City, California.

real history, not the fake history." The deal was forced by a pair of bans Trump issued in August over concerns that TikTok's Chinese owner ByteDance posed a national security risk, thrusting the video-sharing app into the center of the president's confrontation with Beijing.

Shortly after Mr Trump signaled his approval, the Commerce Department on Saturday delayed by a week a ban that would have forced Apple and Alphabet's Google to pull the TikTok video app from their US app stores on Sunday.

Mr Trump is ramping up

pressure on Chinese-owned apps in the weeks before the November 3 presidential elections, citing national security concerns about the data US citizens provide to them and the potential for Beijing to use them for spying. The president is trailing his opponent Joe Biden in polls and has sought to portray himself as tougher on Beijing than the Democrat.

TikTok said in a statement that it was "pleased that the proposal by TikTok, Oracle, and Walmart will resolve the security concerns of the US administration and settle questions around TikTok's future in the US."

The company confirmed Oracle will host all its US data and secure its computer systems. Oracle's Generation 2 Cloud fully isolates running applications and responds to security threats autonomously, according to the statement, which eliminates the risk of foreign governments spying on American users or trying to influence them with disinformation.

"Oracle will quickly deploy,

rapidly scale, and operate TikTok systems in the Oracle Cloud," said Oracle chief executive Safra Catz in a statement. "We are a 100 per cent confident in our ability to deliver a highly secure environment to TikTok and ensure data privacy to TikTok's American users."

Oracle will get full access to review TikTok's source code and updates to make sure there are no back doors used by the company's Chinese parent to gather data or to spy on the video-sharing app's 100 million American users, according to people familiar with the matter.

TikTok Global, together with Oracle, SIG, General Atlantic, Sequoia, Walmart and Coatue will create an educational initiative to develop and deliver an online video curriculum driven by artificial intelligence, according to the statement.

TikTok said it's working with Walmart on a commercial partnership and said that it will take part in a TikTok Global financing round along with Oracle before an initial public offering in

which the investors can take as much as a 20 per cent cumulative stake in the company.

TikTok Global will likely be headquartered in Texas and will hire "at least" 25,000 people, Mr Trump said. TikTok will need to hire thousands of content moderators, engineers, and marketing staff that were previously located in China and around the world. The company will also pay more than \$5bn in new tax dollars to the Treasury, according to the statement.

To sweeten the deal for Mr Trump, TikTok promised to hire an additional 15,000 jobs, more than the 10,000 positions the company already pledged to fill earlier this year. It's unclear if there's a timeline to achieve that target, or guarantees that it will follow through. Facebook, the largest US social media company, employed about 45,000 people in 2019, while Twitter employed only 4,900, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

DIVERSIFICATION

# African-style safari resort now open for overnight stays in Saudi

RIYADH

Giraffes, zebras and ostriches roam the golden plains as open-topped vehicles filled with travellers trundle over the sand. The tourists are on the lookout for wildlife, they are hoping to spot pygmy hippos, white oryx, wildebeest, impala and cheetahs.

This might sound like a scene straight from Africa, but it's actually a little closer to home. This is what awaits anyone checking in at the Nofa Resort Riyadh, a Radisson Collection Hotel.

It is less than 100 kilometres from the Saudi capital, just off the Riyadh-Makkah Highway. The Radisson resort opened in 2018 but was previously only open to members of the hotel's loyalty programme. Now, the family-friendly hotel that overlooks Nofa Wildlife Park is open to the general public and overnight stays start from 1,710 Saudi riyals.

The resort aims to give travellers the feeling of a holiday in Africa. As well as being home to several species, the wildlife park has a conservation arm - eight giraffes have been born through its breeding programme and several endangered species call the Saudi reserve home. Villas at the Nofa Resort

Riyadh have temperature-controlled pools and private villas.

"We have received numerous requests from individual guests wanting to experience the beauty of this Safari jewel in the Saudi desert, and we are excited that the hotel is now publicly bookable and accessible to everyone," said Tim Cordon of Radisson Hotels.

Accommodation options at the resort include private villas or bungalows, all of which come with African-style thatched roofs and a private swimming pool and garden. There are also two resort pools, including a separate one for women. A Kids Club is on site, while adults can visit the health spa. When it comes to eating, Tswalu serves up all-day dining with an African twist and there's also an African tea room, shisha lounge and two other restaurants for guests to try.

With international travel restricted because of the coronavirus pandemic, the resort is welcoming domestic travellers from across Saudi Arabia. The kingdom announced a partial lifting of its suspension on international flights and the resort is ready to welcome travellers from overseas when tourism to the country resumes.



Eight giraffes have been born at Nofa Wildlife Park in Saudi Arabia.



## ISIDINGO MONDAY - FRIDAY STARTING 7:30 PM

ITV	23:00	20:00	16:45	Wed 23 Sept
<b>MONDAY 21 Sept</b>	Habari	Habari	ITV Top 10	06:00 Al Jazeera
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	The Base	Malumbano ya hoja	17:30 Kipindi cha kikristo	07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
6:00 HABARI	DWTV	Habari	18:00 Jiji Letu	09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
6:40 Kumekucha	<b>WEDNESDAY 23 Sept</b>	23:30 The Base	18:15 Mapishi	13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino)
7:30 HABARI	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	00:30 DWTV	18:30 Matukio ya wiki	14:00 Club 101 (Via Capital Radio)
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	6:00 HABARI	<b>FRIDAY 25 Sept</b>	19:30 Igizo: Mtego	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan
8:55 Habari za saa	6:40 Kumekucha	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	20:00 Habari	16:30 Culinary delight rpt
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	7:30 HABARI	6:00 HABARI	21:00 Kipindi maalum: Biko	17:00 Innovation rpt
9:30 Isidingo	8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	6:40 Kumekucha	21:05 Mizengwe	17:30 Meza Huru
9:55 Habari za saa	8:55 Habari za saa	7:30 HABARI	21:25 Kipindi maalum: Cheza pesa	19:00 Sports Gazette
10:00 Watoto wetu	9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	21:30 Mjue Zaidi	19:30 Chetu ni chetu
10:55 Habari za saa	9:30 Isidingo	8:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	22:14 Bongo Movie: Twisted	20:00 Series: Grapes of justice
11:00 ITV Top 10 rpt	9:55 Habari za saa	9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	00:05 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	20:45 Telenovela: Itohan
11:55 Habari za saa	10:00 Watoto wetu	9:30 Isidingo	Wild Skin	21:30 Capital Prime News
12:00 Al Jazeera News	10:30 Uchumi na biashara	10:00 Watoto wetu	<b>CAPITAL</b>	22:00 Dakika 45
12:30 Mtego rpt	10:55 Habari za saa	10:30 Usafiri wako rpt	<b>Sun 20 Sept</b>	22:45 The Décor
12:55 Habari za saa	11:00 The Base rpt	11:00 The Base	08:00 Al Jazeera	23:15 Al Jazeera
13:00 Mjue Zaidi	11:55 Habari za saa	12:30 Kipindi Maalum rpt: Tanesco	09:00 In good shape	<b>Thurs 24 Sept</b>
13:45 Art and Lifestyle rpt	12:00 Al Jazeera	13:00 Igizo maalum rpt: Twende pamoja	10:00 Capchat rpt	06:00 Al Jazeera
13:55 Habari za saa	12:30 Kipindi maalum rpt: Twende pamoja	14:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	11:00 Sports Gazette rpt	07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
14:10 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	12:55 Habari za saa	15:00 Meza huru	11:30 Korean Drama rpt: The Slingshot	09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
Wild Skin	13:00 Dakika 45	16:30 Watoto Wetu	12:00 Jagina rpt	13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino)
14:55 Habari za saa	13:55 Habari za saa	17:00 The Base	12:30 Bundesliga Kick Off rpt	14:00 Club 101 (Via Capital Radio)
15:00 Meza huru	14:00 Kipindi maalum rpt: Mwendo	17:30 Ibad ya kislamu	13:00 In good shape rpt	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan
16:30 Watoto Wetu	14:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	18:00 Jiji Letu	13:30 Series rpt: Itohan	16:30 Business edition rpt
17:00 The Base	Wild Skin	18:15 Mizengwe rpt	15:15 Albu yako	17:00 In good shape
18:00 Jiji Letu	14:55 Habari za saa	18:30 Kipindi Maalum: Utalii	16:00 Dakika 45 rpt	17:30 Meza huru
18:10 Albu yako rpt	15:00 Meza huru	19:00 Shamba lulu	16:45 Mizengwe rpt	19:00 Turning the spotlight
18:15 Mapishi	16:30 Watoto Wetu	19:30 Isidingo	17:00 The Décor rpt	19:30 Tanzania yetu
18:45 Kesho leo	17:00 The Base	20:00 Habari	17:30 Meza huru	20:00 Series: Itohan
19:00 Afya ya Jamii	18:15 Korean drama rpt: The great queen Seonduk	21:05 Kipima Joto	19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt	20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
19:30 Isidingo	19:00 Ijue Sheria	23:00 Habari	19:30 Cookery pgm: Culinary Delights	21:30 Capital Prime News
20:00 Habari	19:30 Isidingo	23:30 The Base	20:00 Korean Drama: The Slingshot	22:00 Capchat rpt
21:05 Dakika 45	20:00 Habari	00:30 DWTV	21:00 Shift	23:00 Al Jazeera
22:15 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	21:00 Kipindi Maalum: Tanesco	<b>SATURDAY 26 Sept</b>	21:15 Capchat live	<b>Frid 25 Sept</b>
23:00 Habari	21:30 Kipindi Maalum: Ripoti Maalum	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny	06:00 Al Jazeera
23:30 The Base	22:15 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje) Wild Skin	6:00 HABARI	00:00 Al Jazeera	07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)
00:30 Al Jazeera	23:00 Habari	6:40 Kumekucha	<b>Mon 21 Sept</b>	09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)
02:00 DWTV	23:30 The Base	7:00 Habari	06:00 Al Jazeera	13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino)
<b>TUESDAY 22 Sept</b>	00:30 Al Jazeera	8:00 Al Jazeera	07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)
5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	2:00 DWTV	9:00 Watoto wetu	09:00 Lete Raha (Via Capital Radio)	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan
6:00 HABARI	<b>THURSDAY 24 Sept</b>	10:00 Shika Bamba 5	13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny	16:30 The Monday Agenda rpt
6:40 Kumekucha	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	10:30 Mjue Zaidi rpt	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	17:30 Meza huru
7:30 HABARI	6:00 HABARI	11:15 Chetu ni chetu rpt	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan	19:00 Rev
8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	6:40 Kumekucha	12:15 The Great Queen Seonduk	16:30 Tanzania Yetu rpt	19:30 Eco@Africa
8:55 Habari za saa	7:30 HABARI	13:00 Korean drama rpt: Hwarang	17:00 Eco@Africa rpt	20:00 Albu Yako
9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	8:00 Kumekucha Michezo	13:45 Telenovela rpt: (Piel Salvaje)	17:30 Meza huru	20:15 Local Pgm: Business Edition
9:30 Isidingo	8:55 Habariz a saa	Wild Skin	19:00 Turning the Spotlight rpt	20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny
9:55 Habari za saa	9:00 Kumekucha Kishindo	16:00 Igizo rpt: Mizengwe	21:30 Capital Prime News	22:00 Capchat rpt
10:00 Watoto wetu	9:30 Isidingo	16:20 Igizo: Mtego	22:00 Malumbano ya hoja rpt	00:00 Al Jazeera
10:30 Jungu Kuu rpt	9:55 Habari za saa	17:00 Shamsam ya Pwani	00:00 Al Jazeera	<b>Sat 26 Sept</b>
10:55 Habari za saa	10:00 Watoto wetu	18:00 Jiji Letu	06:00 Al Jazeera	08:00 Al Jazeera
11:00 The Base rpt	10:30 Shamba lulu rpt	18:15 Korean drama: Hwarang	07:00 Morning Jam (Via Capital Radio)	09:00 Rev rpt
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12:00 Al Jazeera	11:00 The Base rpt	19:30 Shika Bamba	13:00 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny	10:00 Culinary delight rpt
12:30 Afya ya jamii rpt	11:55 Habari za saa	20:00 Habari	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	10:30 Innovation rpt
12:55 Habari za saa	12:00 Al Jazeera	21:00 Art and lifestyle	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan	11:00 Out n'about rpt
13:00 Kesho leo rpt	12:30 Igizo: Mtego	21:30 ITV TOP 10	16:30 Capchat rpt	11:30 Sports Gazette rpt
13:30 Shika Bamba rpt	12:45 Isidingo rpt	22:10 Hawavumi lakini wamo	17:30 Meza huru	12:00 Usafiri wako rpt
13:55 Habari za saa	12:55 Habari za saa	22:45 Isidingo rpt	19:00 Innovation	12:30 Eco@Africa rpt
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14:55 Habari za saa	13:55 Habari za saa	<b>SUNDAY 27 Sept</b>	20:00 Series: Itohan	13:30 Korean Drama rpt: Beating again
15:00 Meza huru	14:00 Kipindi Maalum rpt	5:30 Uwanja wa Mazoezi	20:45 Telenovela: (Destino) Destiny	14:30 Telenovela rpt: (Destino) Destiny
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17:00 The Base	15:00 Meza huru	6:40 Kumekucha	22:00 Turning the spotlight rpt	17:45 Bundesliga kick off
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19:30 Isidingo	18:30 Mapishi	12:00 Bongo Movie rpt: Why this room	14:00 Club 101 (via Capital Radio)	21:30 Movie: Murder of innocence
20:00 Habari	19:00 Usafiri wako	14:00 Tamasha la Michezo	16:00 Series rpt: Itohan	22:00 Capchat rpt
21:00 Tanzania yetu	19:30 Isidingo	15:00 Mwangaza	17:30 Meza huru	23:00 Al Jazeera
21:30 Chetu ni chetu	20:00 Habari	16:00 The Great queen Seonduk	19:00 Innovation	01:00 Al Jazeera
22:15 Telenovela: (Piel Salvaje) Wild	20:00 Habari		19:30 Jagina rpt	



## Death of US Supreme Court's Ginsburg raises stakes in battle for Senate control

WASHINGTON

THE death of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg has raised the stakes in the struggle for control of the U.S. Senate, forcing embattled Republican incumbents to choose between trying to appeal to moderate voters or hoping to fire up a conservative base.

President Donald Trump on Saturday said he would quickly nominate a successor to the liberal icon. Republican Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has promised a vote, giving the pair a chance to cement a 6-3 conservative majority on the court while their party holds both the White House and a 53-47 Senate majority. That would raise the chances of

the court overturning the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, placing one of the most heated social and political battles in the United States front and center on the campaign trail.

With the court vacancy coming so near the Nov. 3 presidential and congressional elections, Democrats argue that the voters should weigh in before Trump and McConnell rush to fill the seat -- the very argument McConnell employed in 2016 to block a nominee of President Barack Obama.

"There are those people who have a hypocrisy meter and it just offends them," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics, referring to Republicans' changing strategies.



Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Polls show Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden leading Trump ahead of the November election, and also give Democrats a chance of unseating enough Republican senators to capture a majority in that chamber.

Now, multiple incumbent Republican senators face the choice of backing Trump's eventual court nominee and potentially losing some moderate voters, or rejecting that person and angering the conservative base.

About seven Republican incumbents and two Democrats face a chance of losing their seats in November's election, according to nonpartisan election trackers. Democrats would need a net gain of three seats for a majority if presidential nominee Joe Biden unseats Trump, meaning a Vice President Kamala Harris would be on hand to break 50-50 ties in the Senate.

One of the most threatened Senate Republicans, Maine's Susan Collins, on Saturday said the Senate should hold off approving a nominee.

"In fairness to the American people, who will either be re-electing the President or selecting a new one, the decision on a lifetime appointment to the Supreme Court should be made by the President who is elected on November 3rd,"

Collins said on Twitter.

Colorado's Cory Gardner issued a statement offering warm words about Ginsburg's memory while making no mention of the looming political fight.

"This is an enormous political conundrum," said Paul Sracic, a political science professor at Youngstown State University in Ohio. "You're going to lose someone in this," referring to segments of senators' home-state voters.

Collins and Gardner did not respond to requests for comment.

Adding to the pressure will be independent-leaning Republican Senators Mitt Romney and Lisa Murkowski, neither a vocal Trump backer. If that pair voted against a Trump pick, McConnell would be left with a one-vote margin.

Neither Romney nor Murkowski commented publicly on their intentions following Ginsburg's death, though Murkowski has previously indicated she would be inclined not to back any Supreme Court nominee in the final weeks before an election. Neither responded to requests for comment. Other Republicans in competitive races saw the chance to vote for Trump's third Supreme Court appointee as a winning issue.

"There is a clear choice on the future of the Supreme Court between the well-qualified and conservative jurist President Trump will nominate and I will support, and the liberal activist Joe Biden will nominate," North Carolina's Thom Tillis said in a statement. **Agencies**

## Poverty alleviation window on how China's system works - expert

WASHINGTON

CHINA'S approach to poverty alleviation as well as to containing the COVID-19 pandemic is a window for foreigners to understand how the country's system actually works on the ground, said Robert Lawrence Kuhn, chairman of the Kuhn Foundation.

MICROCOSM OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT

"What I recognized in the process of focusing on poverty alleviation was how significant this is to understand China, to understand all of China's development over 40 years of reform and opening-up," said Kuhn (pictured) in a recent interview with Xinhua, while sharing his experiences on filming a documentary on China's fight against poverty.

"Poverty alleviation is a microcosm of China's development, as it showcases how China's system

actually works on the ground," he said.

Hosted and written by Kuhn of the Kuhn Foundation, directed by award-winning director Peter Getzels, and executive-produced by Adam Zhu, "Voices From the Frontline: China's War on Poverty" has been aired on Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) stations since its premiere on PBS SoCal.

Kuhn and his team followed how six Chinese families struggled to find a way out of poverty with help from local government officials. Director Getzels took a more observational approach, instead of a journalistic one.

"China has brought over 850 million people out of poverty, the greatest developmental success story in human history. It is the China story that must be told," Kuhn said. "When historians of the future write the chronicles of our times, a feature story may well be China's



Robert Lawrence Kuhn

targeted poverty alleviation."

Kuhn noted a striking correlation between China's approach to fighting the coronavirus outbreak and to fighting poverty.

"Although all political systems have trade-offs, the system that effectively contained the coronavirus in China is the same system that has been able to eliminate almost all extreme poverty in a little over a decade. They both take national commitment and massive mobilization of resources," he said.

"This is an extraordinary accom-

plishment of social-engineering," he said.

MASSIVE, HIGHLY TARGETED

The documentary, which took Kuhn and his team three years to complete, revealed a rare, behind-the-curtain glimpse of the poverty alleviation plan in China, the huge government program that has pledged to lift China's most indigent citizens out of extreme poverty by the end of 2020.

Kuhn, who has been closely following China's dramatic transformation for over three decades, said he was fascinated that China's solution was to create a massive, highly targeted, individualized poverty alleviation program.

"To truly understand China, one has to recognize their genuine commitment to eradicate poverty," he said, adding he was impressed by the sheer scope and determination of China's poverty alleviation

program, energized by the commitment and intensity of President Xi Jinping.

Like no other on Earth, China's program was based on crafting an individualized plan for every single family below the poverty line, then having them be visited regularly by a young local official who helps them implement new strategies to increase their income, he said, adding that progress is monitored and reports are filed monthly.

"I visited with these young local officials working on the frontlines of poverty alleviation, on some occasions intensely for several days: seeing stark, concrete rooms in which they live and watching them cook their food over simple kerosene burners or even candles. And they are dedicating their lives, often spending two full years in a remote village with no modern conveniences, not even flush toilets," he said. **Xinhua**

## OPEC member Libya edges closer to reopening battered oil sector

By Bloomberg

LIBYA moved closer to reopening its battered oil industry after the state energy firm said it would resume exports, though only from fields and ports that are free of foreign mercenaries and other fighters.

The National Oil Corp is ending force majeure -- a legal status protecting a party if it can't fulfill a contract for reasons beyond its control -- at "secure" facilities and has told companies to resume production. The shutdown would continue elsewhere until militias leave, the NOC said in a statement on Saturday.

Some firms that use or operate the OPEC member's eastern ports announced they were restarting work. They included Arabian Gulf Oil Co, which can produce almost 300,000

barrels a day and exports them from Hariga port, and Sirte Oil & Gas Production and Processing Co, which runs the Brega terminal.

It was unclear whether militias would move out of major fields such as Shahara in the south-west, the country's largest deposit and which was occupied by mercenaries from Russia's Wagner group earlier this year. The NOC said last week it would be dangerous to start pumping oil again with armed forces in close proximity.

Force majeure "continues in fields and ports where the presence of fighters from Wagner and other armed groups that hinder activities and operations is confirmed," the NOC said.

The NOC's announcement came



after Khalifa Haftar, a commander who controls eastern Libya, said on Friday he would lift a blockade his forces imposed on fields and ports in January.

Haftar, who is backed by Egypt, the

United Arab Emirates and Russia in Libya's civil war, said his move was conditional on oil revenue being shared more evenly between the eastern administration and the United Nations-recognized govern-

ment based in Tripoli, the capital, in the west.

The general spoke after an accord last week with Ahmed Maiteeq, deputy prime minister of the Tripoli government, at a meeting in Russia. Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj hasn't accepted the agreement, casting further doubt on any imminent resumption of production.

Haftar's blockade caused Libya's crude output to plummet to less than 100,000 barrels a day from around 1.1 million.

Any additional supplies from Libya would enter the market just as the recovery in energy demand following the coronavirus-induced slump earlier this year falters. Brent crude has fallen almost 5 percent this month to US\$43.15 a barrel, extending its loss in 2020 to 35 percent. **Agencies**

## TikTok expects three-party deal to resolve US concerns

LOS ANGELES

Video-sharing social networking platform TikTok on Saturday voiced hope that an agreement reached by its Chinese parent company ByteDance with Oracle and Walmart will "resolve the security concerns of the US administration and settle questions around TikTok's future in the US."

The Los Angeles-based company issued a statement Saturday afternoon, hours after US President Donald Trump said he had approved a deal between the three parties.

TikTok disclosed some details about the three-party agreement handed over to the authority Monday and weighted by the White House so far, saying Oracle will become its "trusted technology provider," and Walmart will play a role in "commercial partnership."

As part of this proposal, Oracle would be in charge of hosting TikTok's all US user data and securing associated computer systems to "ensure US national security requirements are fully satisfied," the statement noted.

According to the company, as of June, the total number of TikTok's monthly active users in the country soared to 91,937,040, and based on quarterly usage, 100 million Americans used the app.

The statement also said both American companies will take part in TikTok's global pre-IPO financing round in which they can take up to 20 percent cumulative stake in the company. A business insider familiar with the deal told Xinhua that TikTok had a plan to finish IPO in the US market in one year if possible.

"We will also maintain and expand TikTok Global headquarters in the US, while bringing 25,000 jobs across the country," the company promised, adding "Our team works tirelessly to provide a safe and inclusive platform and we're thrilled that we will be able to continue serving our amazingly diverse and creative community." **Xinhua**

## Russia to continue efforts for preserving Iran nuclear deal - Foreign Ministry

MOSCOW

RUSSIA will continue efforts to ensure that the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on the Iranian nuclear program remain in place and are implemented, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement yesterday.

"The efforts on preserving and ensuring sustainable implementation of JCPOA will continue," the ministry emphasized. "The UN Security Council Resolution 2231 remains unchanged and the commitments arising from it must be fulfilled in the initially agreed mode and volume on the basis of the reciprocity principle by all states," it said.

Moscow highlights that in August the UN Security Council's members dismissed the US attempts to restore the UN's anti-Iranian sanctions as void. In September, this stance was confirmed and Russia fully agrees with it, the Russian diplomats said.

"To claim now that sanctions resolutions against Iran have been restored is wishful thinking. We hope that US colleagues will be brave enough to finally face the truth and stop speaking on behalf of the UN Security Council," according to the statement. "Illegitimate US initiatives and actions definitely cannot have international and legal consequences for other countries and create their obligations to limit legitimate cooperation with Iran."

However, Washington keeps speculating on this issue claiming that the UN has launched some procedures on restoring restrictions against Iran, it said. The Russian Foreign Ministry dismissed the US steps as a theater performance aimed at turning the UN Security Council into Washington's own tool of "maximum pressure" on Tehran.

"The brazen behavior contrary to JCPOA and UN Security Council Resolution 2231 becomes a serious blow from the United States to the authority of the UN Security Council, a manifestation of open disregard for its decisions and international law in general. This is unacceptable, not only for us, but also for other members of the Security Council," the statement said. "It is not surprising that the gamble launched by the US side with the illegal "reset" of the old UN Security Council sanctions against Iran has failed."

On August 20, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo notified the UN Security Council about Washington's plans to start restoring UN sanctions against Iran. According to the US, the sanctions may come into effect on September 20, despite the opposition of other UN Security Council's member-states.

In 2018, the United States withdrew from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) developed by Russia, the US, the UK, China, France and Germany with Tehran to overcome the crisis related to the Iran's nuclear program and initiated then a campaign of "maximum pressure" against Iran.

On September 11, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told a press conference with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi that Russia and China together with the majority of UNSC member-states did not accept US attempts to dismantle JCPOA. **Agencies**

CHINA on Thursday published a white paper on the employment and labor rights in Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

The white paper, titled Employment and Labor Rights in Xinjiang, comprehensively showcases that the autonomous region takes the facilitation of employment as the most fundamental project for ensuring and improving people's wellbeing, records the fact that the proactive polices to ensure employment and job security adopted by the local government of Xinjiang have effectively protected all ethnic groups' basic labor rights, and demonstrates China's commitment to the people-centered philosophy of development and its protection of citizens' right to work in accordance with the law.

The white paper is divided into six major aspects, including the employment in Xinjiang, the autonomous region's proactive employment poli-

## To protect right to work is to safeguard human rights

cies, its full respect for workers' job preferences, its pursuit of better jobs for better lives, and its application of international labor and human rights standards.

Employment is pivotal to people's wellbeing, and the happy life of the people is the biggest human right. Employment and job security carries great significance for ensuring people's right to work, improving their living standards, and promoting social harmony and stability.

Xinjiang in recent years has further improved its employment and job security policies, expanded the scale of employment, optimized the employment structure, significantly enhanced the quality of the workforce, improved people's incomes and quality of life, and increased their sense of gain, hap-

piness and security.

Today's Xinjiang is embracing its most prosperous development ever in history. The goal that "each household has access to job opportunities, each person has work to do, and each month goes with an income" has been largely achieved.

The people there are living a peaceful life, uniting together like pomegranate seeds. High-spirited, they are enjoying moderate prosperity in all respects together with their fellow countrymen and countrywomen in other parts of China.

Respecting and protecting human rights are principles enshrined in the Constitution of China. The CPC and the Chinese government have always prioritized the protection of the citizens' rights to work and employment; it has

taken a resolute stance against forced labor and eradicated it in any form. Party committees and governments at all levels in Xinjiang have actively responded to the policies and deployment of the CPC Central Committee, implemented a proactive employment policy, protected the lawful labor rights and interests of people of all ethnic groups, and greatly improved the living and working conditions of all ethnic groups, which embodies the common values that are championed by the international community, and contributes to safeguarding social fairness and justice and promoting the all-round development of humanity.

Xinjiang's policies and practices concerning employment and job security comply with China's Constitution and relevant laws, conform to international

labor and human rights standards, and support the will of all ethnic groups to live a better life. They have served to meet the people's needs, improve their wellbeing, and win their support.

For years, certain international forces, guilty of ideological bias and prejudiced against China, have been applying double standards in Xinjiang, criticizing "breaches of human rights" while ignoring the tremendous efforts Xinjiang has made to protect human rights.

They have fabricated facts to support their false claims of "forced labor" in Xinjiang, and smeared the local government's work on employment and job security.

Their acts amount to a denial of the fact that the local people in Xinjiang enjoy the right to work, aspire to move

out of poverty and backwardness and are working towards that goal. Such groundless allegation would be strongly opposed by everyone who values justice and progress.

Work helps to make a difference and create happiness. Looking forward, Xinjiang will continue its commitment to the people-centered philosophy of development, adhere to the principle that employment is of paramount importance to people's wellbeing, implement the strategy of giving priority to employment, and introduce more proactive policies to boost employment.

With tireless efforts it will strive to grow employment in volume and quality, to meet the growing expectation of all ethnic groups for a better life, and lay a solid foundation for the long-term stability in Xinjiang. The lives of the people in Xinjiang will only become better.

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Chinese serviceman from the 6th Chinese peacekeeping infantry battalion to South Sudan (Juba) introduces COVID-19 protection information to local residents, March 7. File Photo

## Chinese peacekeepers embarking on missions for world peace

CHINA on Friday released a white paper on the participation of the country's armed forces in the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations.

The white paper, titled "China's Armed Forces: 30 Years of UN Peacekeeping Operations," was released by the State Council Information Office.

It reviews the glorious journey of China's armed forces in the UN peacekeeping operations (UNPKOs) over the past 30 years, as well as the country's firm practice and important contribution. It also demonstrates the comprehensive implementation of the pledges announced by Chinese President Xi Jinping during the UN Leaders' Summit on Peacekeeping, introduces the peaceful philosophy and practices of China's armed forces in the new era, and profoundly explains that the Chinese armed forces are embarking on missions for world peace. It said China's armed forces are a disciplined force for peace and justice that contributes to building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Xi once pointed out that "Peace is the common aspiration and lofty goal shared by all mankind. It was for the purpose of securing peace that the UN peacekeeping operations came into being. Now as an important means of upholding world peace and security, these peacekeeping operations bring confidence to areas beset by conflict and hope to the local people who are its victims."

The UNPKOs, starting from 1948, aim at creating conditions of lasting peace for countries suffering conflicts. Over the past 70 some years, the UN peacekeepers have made contributions and sacrificed their lives in the world's most arduous and dangerous places, making the blue helmets a signal of peace and hope for war-torn regions.

Practices show that the UNPKOs have played important and irreplaceable roles in avoiding new world wars, containing the escalation of regional conflicts, alleviating humanitarian disasters, and promoting world peace and development.

A Chinese peacekeeper once recorded in his diary that "If you ask me why we go that far for peacekeeping missions in extreme danger, I'd say that we must safeguard the bottom line of human civilization".

China's Blue Helmets have become a key force in UN peacekeeping. In April 1990, China's armed forces dispatched five military observers to the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization (UNTSO) and embarked on a new voyage as a participant in the UNPKOs. From a few military observers at the outset of its involvement, China's armed forces are now sending both formed units and military professionals. Chinese military peacekeepers serve on the UN missions in engineer, medical, transport, helicopter, force protection and infantry units, and as staff officers, military observers and seconded officers. Chinese military peacekeepers have left their footprints

in over 20 countries and regions including Cambodia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Liberia, Sudan, Lebanon, Cyprus, South Sudan, Mali and the Central African Republic.

Over the past 3 decades, batches of Chinese peacekeepers have engaged in the UNPKOs with courage and determination. China's armed forces have contributed more than 40,000 service members to 25 UN peacekeeping missions. Sixteen Chinese military peacekeepers have sacrificed their lives for the noble cause of peace. As of August 2020, 2,521 Chinese military peacekeepers were serving on eight UN peacekeeping missions and at UNHQ. China is the second largest contributor to both peacekeeping assessment and UN membership fees, and the largest troop-contributing country (TCC) among the permanent members of the UN Security Council.

"China has played a very critical and a very important role in UN peacekeeping operations," said Atul Khare, UN under-secretary-general for operational support, adding that the UNPKOs couldn't have achieved today's progress without the support from China.

China's armed forces participate in the UNPKOs, because the pursuit of peace is in the genes of the Chinese nation. China's armed forces participate in the UNPKOs, because the Chinese people care about the wellbeing of humanity. China has always aspired to fulfill its missions of meeting the responsibilities of a major country, safeguarding world peace, and contributing to the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.

Chinese blue helmets have won wide applause from the international society for its ceasefire supervision, stabilizing the situation, protecting civilians, providing force protection, deploying enabling capabilities and sowing the seeds of hope.

A Kenyan military officer said Chinese troops not only brought safety, but also warmth. A Lebanese official also noted that there weren't many willing to offer sincere help like the Chinese peacekeepers. He said the Chinese help was all-round and with no strings attached, hailing Chinese troops as messengers for peace. A UN official said he saw the greatest qualities of the Chinese nation from the Chinese peacekeepers - kindness and wisdom. He also thanked China for making the world better.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of victory in the Chinese People's War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression and the World Anti-Fascist War. It is also the 75th anniversary of the founding of the UN.

Reviewing the remarkable journey of China's blue helmets at this special moment will further highlight China's role as a constructor of world peace, a contributor to global development, and protector of international order. Chinese troops are always a force of justice for world peace and development. Peace comes from struggling and needs maintenance.

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## EU plans to crack down on racism in 'moment of reckoning'

BRUSSELS

THE European Commission pledged on Friday to take tougher action against member states failing to fully implement EU anti-racism laws, in a move reflecting global outrage at police violence against African Americans in the United States.

Launching its first anti-racism action plan, the Commission said the initiative allows so-called infringement actions, a process that can involve the Commission taking an offending country to the EU Court of Justice.

"We know that progress to fight racism and hate in Europe is not good enough," Vera Jourova, the EU Commission's vice-president for values and transparency, told reporters in Brussels. "The protests sent a clear message - change must happen now."

It is a "moment of reckoning" for Europeans, where racism can no longer be ignored, she said.

The May 25 death of black American George Floyd in police custody has led to weeks of protests in the United States against racism and police brutality, and prompted more European citizens to

challenge discrimination in society.

Under the plan, the 27 EU nations would face closer scrutiny, investigations and possible infringement procedures if the European measures are not correctly applied.

The Commission has also called for a "new approach on equality data collection" to get a better picture of discrimination in Europe and to push the bloc to cThe EU Commission also plans to review its existing rules to guarantee they are strict enough and possibly present new legal measures in the next five years.

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## France, UK, Germany reject US call to return Iran sanctions

NEW YORK / TEHRAN

THE US has no authority to demand a snap-back in sanctions against Iran after quitting the 2015 nuclear deal two years ago, the French Foreign Ministry said in a joint statement with Germany and the UK yesterday.

"We have worked tirelessly to preserve the nuclear agreement and remain committed to do so," the three countries' foreign ministers said in the statement.

Since quitting the nuclear accord in May 2018, the Trump administration has intensified efforts to pressure the Islamic Republic, ratcheting up sanctions. But the US moves have united partners like the UK, France and Germany with Russia and China, who have sought to salvage the accord.

That has left the US isolated on the UN Security Council, with most nations saying America has no authority to demand the return of international sanctions since it's no longer a party to the agreement.

The US says that the broader Security Council resolution that enshrined the accord doesn't require it to still be in the agreement, and that all of the United Nations resolutions on Iran that were in place before the accord - from a ban on arm deals to restrictions on the Islamic Republic's ballistic missile activity and its nuclear enrichment - should have gone back into effect on Saturday.

The US expects all UN member states to comply with their obligations to implement sanctions, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo said in a statement late Saturday.

However, United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres told the Security Council on Saturday he cannot take any action on a US declaration that all UN sanctions on Iran had been reimposed because "there would appear to be uncertainty" on the issue.

Pompeo said last month that he triggered a 30-day process at the council leading to the return of UN sanctions on Iran on Saturday evening that would also stop a conventional arms embargo on Tehran from expiring on Oct 18.

But 13 of the 15 Security Council members say Washington's move is void



UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres

because Pompeo used a mechanism agreed under a 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and world powers, which the United States quit in 2018.

"There would appear to be uncertainty whether or not the process... was indeed initiated and concomitantly whether or not the (sanctions) terminations... continue in effect," Guterres wrote in a letter to the council, seen by Reuters.

"It is not for the Secretary-General to proceed as if no such uncertainty exists," he said.

UN officials provide administrative and technical support to the Security Council to implement its sanctions regimes and Guterres appoints independent experts to monitor implementation. He said that "pending clarification" of the status of the Iran sanctions, he would not take any action to provide that support.

Diplomats say few countries are likely to reimpose the measures lifted under the 2015 deal that aimed to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

Russia's Deputy UN Ambassador Dmitry Polyanskiy responded on Twitter. "We all clearly said in August that US claims to trigger snapback are illegitimate. Is Washington deaf?"

Iran's UN Ambassador Majid Takht Ravanchi said on Twitter on Saturday, "US illegal and false 'deadline' has come and gone... Swimming against international currents will only bring it more isolation."

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said on Saturday that the United States will not be able to restore pre-2015 sanctions against Iran in its unilateral attempt in the UN Security Council.

The United States lost its authority pertaining to any action in the Iranian 2015 nuclear deal when it withdrew from the accord in 2018 unilaterally, Zarif said in a televised speech.

The US officials themselves are well aware that their attempt is "void," but they are resorting to "bullying" policies in international relations, he said.

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## Russian scientists create chip that accelerates development of 6G networks

MOSCOW

RUSSIAN specialists created a new type of chip that accelerates the development of the sixth generation communications networks, presidential representative on digital and technological development, Dmitry Peskov (pictured) said at an online conference, organized by TASS Thursday.

"I can't tell you where exactly, but one Russian lab has made a breakthrough in 6G just recently, creating a new type of chip that did not exist in the world before. What I'm saying is



that the 6G is already in sight," Peskov said, adding that the lab in question was a civilian one.

Introducing sixth generation communication networks requires solving such technological tasks as deployment of relatively more base stations closer to the subscriber, he added.

"In several years, we will receive mass Internet from space, it will become very close to us. It must be perceived as a basic infrastructure," the presidential representative said, outlining the technological prospects for the coming years.

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# Collective action within UN framework needed to tackle global challenges

BEIJING

AHEAD of the high-level meetings of the United Nations scheduled for Monday, the international community expects world leaders to make collective efforts to address global challenges.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of the UN which finds itself standing at another juncture in human history given rising unilateralism and protectionism.

"As we mark the 75th Anniversary of the United Nations, it is clear that the world has high expectations of us, as the

main platform for multilateralism and cooperation on a rules-based international system," Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said at the opening of the first plenary meeting of the 75th session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA).

Last week, UN member states are expected to adopt a declaration, reaffirming their commitments to a reinvigorated multilateralism. In his opening remarks at the UNGA meeting,

Volkan Bozkir, president of the 75th session of the UNGA, said "the context in which we are working serves to remind us of the necessity of the mul-

tilateral system and inspires us all to make use of the UN Charter to address our collective challenges," in reference to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The disease that has been ravaging across the world has infected more than 30 million people and killed almost 1 million.

At this critical time, "it is the unprecedented opportunity to build back better and fairer."

For Africa, the path we must take is clear. The UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a template for global cooperation and partnership,"

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa said via a UN video-conference on Thursday.

"Our experience with COVID-19 has really demonstrated what can be achieved if we act and work together to address global challenges," said Ramaphosa, also the chairperson of the African Union.

In its position paper on the 75th anniversary of the UN, China reaffirmed its commitment to safeguarding the UN-centered global governance system, the basic norms of international relations underpinned by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter,

the authority and stature of the UN, and the central role of the UN in international affairs.

Bertrand Badie, a veteran specialist on international relations at France's Sciences Po university, said in face of unilateralism and hegemonism, all countries should be committed to multilateralism by upholding the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and the international system with the UN at the core.

He called for abandoning the Cold War mentality and hegemonism and building a international relationship that is more fair and equal.

"Although the UN needs to be

strengthened and reformed, it plays an irreplaceable role in such fields as promoting security, economic cooperation, and public health cooperation," said Liu Di, professor with the Faculty of Social Sciences of Kyorin University in Tokyo.

Cavince Adhere, an international relations researcher based in Nairobi, said the world is facing challenges across borders, from the COVID-19 pandemic to climate change, underlining that all countries should strengthen their efforts to coordinate their efforts instead of pursuing unilateral moves. Ignacio Martinez Cortes, professor of political science at

## Multiple major economic indexes of China see positive growth in August

CHINA saw the first positive growth of total retail sales of consumer goods since this year in August, and the total value added of the industrial enterprises above the designated size shifted from negative to positive in the first 8 months of this year, said the country's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) at a press conference on Sept. 15.

NBS spokesperson Fu Linghui said despite pressures from both the COVID-19 fallout and floods, the country's economy has sustained a steady recovery.

Many positive changes happened to China's economy in August. In the first eight months, industrial output expanded 0.4 percent from one year earlier, compared with a decline of 0.4 percent in the January-July period.

The improved demand drove the growth of industries, said Fu, adding that the country's value-added industrial output, an important economic indicator, went up 5.6 percent year on year in August, accelerating from a rise of 4.8 percent registered in July.

Most productions and industries achieved growth, according to the NBS. In terms of different products, in August, 394 of 612 products increased year on year. In other words, 64.4 percent of these products achieved growth, more than those from a month ago. In terms of different industries, in August, the value added of 29, or 70.7 percent of the 41 major industries maintained a year-on-year growth, 4 more than those in July.

Apart from industrial growth, China has also seen accelerated steps of upgrading. The high-tech manufacturing enterprises above designated size achieved a growth of 7.6 percent in August, a figure obviously larger than the general growth of the industries above designated size.

New products such as service robots, segways and smart watches all witnessed a production growth above 70 percent, while that of industrial robots stood at 32.5 percent.

Retail sales of consumer goods, a main gauge of China's consumption, returned to growth for the first time this year, rising by 0.5 percent year on year in August.

"August saw a larger pickup of sales from a month ago, which indicated the accelerated recovery of the consumer market," said Zhang Min, a statistician with the NBS.

According to Zhang, China's rural and urban markets recovered simultaneously. In August, the retail sales of urban and rural consumer goods increased 0.5 percent and 0.7 percent, respectively, while they decreased 1.1 percent and 1.3 percent in July.

Besides, the consumption went through faster upgrading. The sales of automobiles above the designated limit went up by 11.8 percent in August, and the sales of communication equipment, cosmetics, gold, silver and jewelry grew by 25.1 percent, 19.0 percent, and 15.3 percent respectively, up 13.8, 9.8 and 7.8 percentage points from those in July.

New consumption maintained rapid growth. From January to August, the online retail sales of physical goods grew by 15.8 percent, 0.1 percentage point higher than that in the first seven months. Driven by the growth of online shopping, China handled 7.24 billion express parcels throughout August, up 36.5 percent year on year.

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MultiChoice Tanzania's Chairman of Board of Directors and the firm's owner, Ambassador Ami Mpungwe (C) congratulates popular domestic sports presenters, Salama Jabir (L) and Abubakar Lyongo, at the firm's special function for its stakeholders, which took place in Dar es Salaam over the weekend. Lyongo and Salama are presenting broadcasts for the English Premier League's games, via SuperSport Channels, in Swahili language. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT

## MultiChoice promises surprises for customers in Tanzania

BY GUARDIAN REPORTER

MULTICHOICE Tanzania has brought to the fore several memorable deeds the firm has executed since its establishment in the country over 20 years ago.

They include offering employment, promoting film and arts industries whilst seeing to it that it turns into a center for entertainment, both local and international, for DStv customers.

MultiChoice Tanzania Managing Director, Jacqueline Wiso, brought the achievements to the fore at a special function, which brought together the firm's stakeholders in Dar es Salaam last weekend.

The event, dubbed 'MultiChoice Showcase', was attended by various stakeholders that include Tanzania Film Board's Executive Secretary, Kiagho Kilonzo, and Executive Secretary for Tanzania Arts Council.

Jacqueline noted that MultiChoice has turned into a pioneer for revolution in entertainment in the country by seeing to it that it boosts domestic content and promote film industry.

The MultiChoice boss said that for the past four years, the firm started a special channel, 'Maisha Magic Bongo', which specially airs domestic films.

"This channel carries local content for 98 per cent, the content, created by domestic producers, has domestic actors and actresses," she stated.

She disclosed: "Within the four years the channel has spent a lot of cash in production and procurement of local content and it has worked with over 200 producers, over 2000 actors and actresses and over 5000 assistants."

In an effort to improve film sector, Jacqueline disclosed, the company cooperates with the Tanzania Film Board to

hold training for local producers.

The two parties, according to her, had, in 2018, held training in various regions in the country.

She noted her company is currently in discussion with the board, seeking to hold special training, known as Master Classes, in cooperation with MultiChoice Talent Factory program.

The program gathers up-and-coming practitioners in the film industry from across the continent and offers training to the latter in special centers for one year.

Various MultiChoice Tanzania stakeholders, speaking on separate occasions, lauded the firm for its efforts to offer the best service and its contribution in developing various professions, which include news, sports, entertainment, arts and culture.

Kilonzo disclosed his board has had good cooperation with MultiChoice Tanzania.

He noted the cooperation has helped to offer employment to actors and actresses by buying the latter's works, as well as offering several training courses.

A section of members of the domestic film industry, known as 'Bongo Movie', disclosed that the company, via DStv, has turned into a saviour to the former given it buys the members' works and help them earn income.

Other stakeholders, including journalists, disclosed MultiChoice has effectively boosted Tanzania's status internationally, particularly in sports.

Popular domestic sports pundits and presenters, Abubakar Lyongo, Maulid Kitenge, Oscar Oscar and others said that live telecast of major soccer tournaments that include English Premier League by MultiChoice in Swahili language will see Tanzanians learn a lot in the sport.

## TFF introduces leadership special course for women

BY GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT

TANZANIA Football Federation (TFF) has introduced a special course for women to participate in leadership and management in the sport.

The course gears towards empowering women in football leadership and management and creating awareness to women.

Speaking during the closing of the course held at TFF's office in Dar es Salaam yesterday, the course's instructor, Henry Tandau, stated that women, who took part in the training, will be able to effectively participate in football leadership and management.

"I did this mentorship for women that will also benefit men in football leadership and management within and outside the country" Tandau said.

Tandau added that the course will be held all over the country.

The federation has introduced the short course, which will help participants

improve their skills, seeing to it that they excel in football leadership and management.

The course's sponsors, KCB Tanzania, congratulated TFF for introducing the course, saying the training will empower women in football.

According to KCB Tanzania's Head of Marketing and Corporate Affairs, Christina Manyenye, the course's participants are required to seek for opportunities as per the course's aim.

The participants expressed regards to TFF for holding the course and assured the federation that they are going to put the training to practice.

They added that the course will enable them to participate effectively in football leadership and management.

The course took place for five days and will later be held in the remaining parts of the country.

The next course will be held in Tanga, the centre for Eastern Zone that includes Tanga, Morogoro and Coast Region.

## Second season syndrome for Namungo FC?

BY CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL MWEBE

TOO much is being expected from Namungo FC in the wake of a first-ever top four finish at the end of the previous Vodacom Premier League season and their appearance in the Federation Cup final, which subsequently earned them a continental ticket to play in the CAF Confederation Cup.

After last season's sensational exploits, opponents are better prepared for Namungo FC in this campaign.

The second season for promoted teams is much tougher because everyone is expecting so much from them but at the same time opponents know such clubs much better and are better prepared for them.

On Monday last week, Namungo FC got a rude shock when they lost at home against Polisi Tanzania.

Last season they only lost one home game to finish fourth in their impressive top flight debut campaign in which teams did not know what to expect.

It is too early to judge but, after a nervous home victory in the opening day of the campaign in which their goalkeeper, Nouridine Balora, was arguably the man of the match, followed by a loss against Polisi Tanzania.

On Saturday, they suffered a second consecutive loss against Prisons, which means they have not been off to a particularly good start to the 2020/21 campaign.

They have succumbed to two losses and managed a single victory in the Premier League, apart from conceding a Community Shield



Namungo Football Club.

defeat to Simba SC.

There was also a pre-season friendly match loss to Azam FC.

Of course, it can be difficult to truly predict either the success or failure of a team in the Premier League - particularly after only three matches, - but Namungo have shown they are not the same side they were last season.

Right now, opponents will be licking their lips having seen the performance of Namungo FC in the two rounds.

The squad has changed. They have tried their best to fill the void left by their back-to-back top scorer, Relians Lusajo, by bringing in Ghanaian Stephen Kwame from Singida United,

Adam Salamba, who was playing in Kuwait, and Shiza Kichuya from Simba and Sixtus Sabilo from Polisi Tanzania.

Despite the additional firepower brought in, the outfit has struggled for goals.

They have scored only a single goal in the four competitive matches so far.

Head coach Thierry Hitimana is yet to find his preferred first choice striking partners.

New signings, Sabilo and Kwame, started against Simba in the Community Shield match but were dropped to the bench in the league opener against Coastal Union in favour of Bigirimana and Kichuya.

Bigirimana scored the all-

important goal to hand them a hard fought home victory.

Coach Hitimana continued with changes as he dropped Bigirimana in the game against Polisi Tanzania when he opted to start with little known Geoffrey Mkumbo as a lone striker flanked by Kichuya and Abeid Athuman with little success. Sabilo and Bigirimana were on the bench.

For the first away trip of the season, Bigirimana and Sabilo were reinstated back to the first 11 but could not help the team avoid a 1-0 loss to Prisons. The struggle continues.

Comparisons with Mbeya City FC and Singida United who failed to meet expectations in their second seasons are not far from the corner.

The KMC FC finished fourth and qualified for CAF Confederation Cup in their debut top flight season and then they, the following season, barely survived relegation to First Division League (FDL) by two points.

Singida United finished an impressive fifth place in their debut top flight season and reached the finals of the Federation Cup but suffered second season syndrome by finishing 13th before going down last season.

For a team which was a marvel to watch in their maiden top flight season, Namungo FC must not be complacent in their facing up to second season syndrome, but they are about, as well equipped as they could be, to see it off.



Some of DCB Commercial Bank Plc staff, who took part in the 2020 Masaki Corporate Marathon, get ready for the action at The Green grounds at Masaki in Dar es Salaam yesterday. PHOTO: CORRESPONDENT



Some of female soccer stakeholders participate in a leadership course for women, organized by Tanzania Football Federation (TFF), which took place in Dar es Salaam recently. PHOTO: COURTESY OF TFF



## Man Utd stunned by Palace, Arsenal grab late winner

LONDON

MANCHESTER United suffered a miserable start to their Premier League campaign as Wilfried Zaha fired Crystal Palace to a shock 3-1 win at Old Trafford, while Arsenal struck late through substitute Eddie Nketiah to beat West Ham 2-1.

On a day of high drama Leeds edged Fulham 4-3 to earn their first top-flight victory since 2004 on Saturday and Everton went top of the table as Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored a hat-trick in a 5-2 destruction of 10-man West Brom.

On the second weekend of the new campaign, United were playing for the first time after being given an extra week of rest due to their involvement in the latter stages of last season's Europa League.

But Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's lethargic side were well below their best and Palace took full advantage thanks to Andros Townsend's seventh minute strike and Zaha's double against his former club.

There was a hint of controversy about Zaha's first goal as VAR ruled Victor Lindelof had handled Jordan Ayew's shot even though the ball was hit with force at him from close quarters.

David De Gea saved Ayew's spot-kick, but VAR intervened again to order a retake as United's keeper had strayed off his line and this time Zaha converted from the spot.

United's only close-season signing Donny van de Beek came off the bench and the former Ajax midfielder reduced the deficit with a debut goal in the 80th minute.

But Zaha, who endured a difficult spell at United before rejoining Palace, showed why the Eagles are so keen to keep him amid speculation over his future as the Ivory Coast winger lashed home in the 85th minute.

For the first time in six years, United were beaten in their opening league game.

It was a chastening start to the season for United, who have come under fire from fans frustrated at their relatively modest transfer outlay compared to their title rivals.

Arsenal capitalised on the chance to open up a six-point gap over United in the battle for a top-four finish despite a poor performance of their own.

Alexandre Lacazette headed the Gunners into a 25th minute lead from Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang's cross.

But Mikel Arteta's men were largely outplayed by the Hammers, who faced stinging criticism after a 2-0 home defeat to Newcastle on the opening weekend.

Michail Antonio levelled just before half-time and came close putting the visitors' in front when his header came crashing back off the crossbar.

But Arsenal grabbed all three points five minutes from time when Dani Ceballos broke the West Ham offside trap and squared for Nketiah to tap home.

Free-scoring Leeds - At Elland Road, promoted Leeds were involved in another eye-catching encounter in their first top-flight home match for 16 years.

After losing 4-3 at champions Liverpool on the opening weekend, Helder Costa fired Marcelo Bielsa's free-scoring side ahead in the fifth minute.

Fulham striker Aleksandar Mitrovic equalised from the penalty spot but Leeds soon retook the lead with a spot-kick of their own, converted by Mateusz Klich.

Patrick Bamford and Costa's superb strike looked have Leeds cruising to their first win back in the top-flight by the hour mark.

But Fulham pulled one back in the 62nd minute through Bobby Decordova-Reid and Mitrovic's towering header four minutes later set up a tense finale.

Leeds' opening games have seen 14 goals, which is the most for a top-flight side's first two matches since Wolves in 1962-63.

At Goodison Park, Everton's early-season optimism was not curbed despite falling behind to Grady Diangana's early goal.

Calvert-Lewin bundled home an equaliser before James Rodriguez put Everton ahead with his first Premier League goal and Albion imploded before the break.

Kieran Gibbs was dismissed for pushing James in the face in first half stoppage-time and then Baggies boss Slaven Bilic was sent to the stands after storming onto the pitch for a furious rant at referee Mike Dean.

Matheus Pereira equalised for Albion after the interval, but Michael Keane restored Everton's lead and Calvert-Lewin sealed the points with his second and third goals.

After a summer spending spree, Ancelotti is under pressure to deliver a big improvement on last season's 12th place finish and the early signs are promising.

Having beaten Tottenham in their opening game last weekend, Everton have started a Premier League season with consecutive victories for the first time since 2012-13.

"I'm satisfied in front, we have to do better at the back," said Ancelotti.

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## Barca's Bartomeu: I won't go to war with Messi

BARCELONA

BARCELONA president Josep Maria Bartomeu says he will not go to war with Lionel Messi and called for everyone to move on after the forward tried to quit the club last month.

Bartomeu also said he has no plans to step down from his position despite a motion to remove him -- which was sparked by Messi's request to leave -- gathering more than 20,000 signatures this week.

Messi, 33, returned to training with Ronald Koeman's new-look Barca side earlier this month after failing to engineer a move away from Camp Nou this summer.

When he realised legal action would be required to try and execute a clause in his contract to leave for free, he backed down, although he was critical of Bartomeu in an interview with Goal after the episode ended.

"As president, I will not enter into any conflict with Messi," Bartomeu told TV3 on Saturday. "Messi is our captain, our leader. The issue is parked. What has been said has been said."

"I couldn't allow to let the best player in the world go. The team needs him, he guarantees success. Things have to be discussed at home. You have to support the team and the players."

"We have to congratulate our-

selves that Messi is still with us. He is excited about Koeman's project. The important thing is he plays for Barca, at his home. We want him to retire at the club."

Messi could yet leave the club for free next summer when his contract expires but Bartomeu could be gone by then.

The president will face a vote of no confidence in the coming weeks if more than 16,520 of the 20,867 signatures against him are approved.

For him to be ousted, two-thirds of voting members would then have to go against him in a referendum, but there have been calls for him to resign before reaching that point.

"Right now, no-one is considering resigning," Bartomeu said. "The club is not going to stop. I think everyone was surprised by the number of signatures but we respect democracy and the club's laws."

Bartomeu was speaking before Barca's third and final friendly of the pre-season on Saturday, a 1-0 win against Elche at Camp Nou.

Midfielder Riqui Puig was a surprise omission from the squad. He watched the match from the stands alongside Luis Suarez, who's not featured in pre-season as he looks for a new club, and Koeman later confirmed he's recommended the youngster go out on loan.

(Agencies)

# Barcelona's members strike back against president Bartomeu: What's next for the club?

BY SID LOWE, ESPN SPAIN WRITER

**N**EXT time you pop into the FC Barcelona boutique to buy blaugrana pants or more than a pencil, go past the ticket window by the museum or order a coffee at the café in the shadow of Kubala and Cruyff, look carefully at the guy behind the register. It that face looks familiar, that could be because it is. It might be Eder Sarabia, the former assistant coach taking up a new role.

Well, they've got to employ him somewhere.

On Thursday evening, at the end of a day when Luis Suárez had been in Italy, doing a language exam in Perugia to get an Italian passport, engaging in 10 minutes of conversation about family but not football, Quique Setién released a statement. In it, he revealed that he had been informed that he had been sacked as Barcelona manager only the night before, on Wednesday -- a month after it had been announced to the world, and almost three weeks since his lawyers had written to the club to ask what was going on.

What's more, Setién said, there had still been no settlement on the 2½-year contract he'd signed eight months earlier. More money poured away, and yet to be paid. As for his staff -- Sarabia, Jon Pascua and Fran Soto -- they hadn't been sacked at all. Instead, he had now been told that they would be "repositioned" at the club, which was news to them.

It had been that kind of day, another one only somehow even sillier, sadder and, as it turned out, more significant. It was the eve of the 20th anniversary of Lionel Messi's arrival at Barcelona, which should have been cause for celebration, but this is a club in constant crisis, and even the fact that he is still there feels a bit odd. Above all, it was another one of those days for a president whose case for being the worst in club history gets more watertight by the hour.

It was a day in which more supposed transfer targets slipped away because -- just in case you didn't know, and somehow there still seem to be people who don't -- there is no money to buy them with. A day when €98m in losses over the past year were confirmed. One in which they still couldn't get rid of the players they publicly said they wanted to get rid of ... and, now it seemed, they couldn't get rid of the manager, either. Not properly, anyway.

Still, at least Setién's statement fit on one piece of paper. The bigger statement was delivered on thousands and thousands of them. And while on the face of it, it deepened the crisis, maybe it actually offered a way out of it -- or, at least, handed back some sense of control to those who care, a little light cast over the club, a glimpse of hope.

A little before 7 o'clock in the evening local time, a dozen people turned up at the Camp Nou. They wore masks, and they brought with them boxes, bags and containers, absolutely full of pieces of paper. On them, over 20,000 people had officially declared their desire that a motion of censure be brought against team president Josep Maria Bartomeu and his board of directors -- a motion that might finally force them out.

They stood, clapped a bit, and then the boxes were taken inside. For an hour or so, they were checked -- someone turned up with coffee -- and officially received, the papers counted. This was the climax (or maybe it was just the beginning?) of a popular movement to push the president out.

While you might not have been aware of it, this had been building for a while. It had begun with Jordi Farré, who will stand at the next elections, and other opposition candidates who joined him; it became a broad movement, a united front in defence of the club. Víctor Font and Lluís Fernández Ala came on board. Fans groups supported them. At the head of one of them, a group called "Manifest Blaugrana," was Marc Duch, with his ponytail and beard.

Together they drove the campaign on and chased signatures all over Catalonia and beyond, under the slogan:



Barca president Josep Maria Bartomeu is facing an even shorter end to his tenure thanks to a no-confidence vote. What does it mean for the club? (Agencies)

"More than a moció" ("motion"). And, somehow, they had done it too. In a time of pandemic, when people can't meet, they had managed to gather enough signatures from socis (fans who are club members) to force a vote, effectively a referendum against the president. More than enough, in fact. They'd needed only 16,521, 15% of the members. They were 4,000 over that, backed by more than a fifth of the club's membership.

A handful of the papers were not admissible, but a club statement confirmed they had received 20,867, a number that was everywhere the next day, like a winning lottery ticket. The figures were a new record -- this was twice as many signatures as had ever been gathered before (in far more favourable conditions). "Unprecedented," Font called it.

"If I was the president, I would have met the 20,000 socis," Farré said. "Honestly, Bartomeu should resign today."

Duch said: "I'd be trembling in my office and I would resign." Bartomeu might not do that. In fact, if anyone has learnt anything about him over the past few years and the past months especially, it is that he is a survivor. Holding on is what he does, whatever the cost.

**So. The signatures have been received and counted. What happens next?**

-- First, Barcelona have to participate in putting together the body that runs and oversees the process.

(The "table," as it's called.) That's made up of the two first signatories on the move to propose a no-confidence motion -- Farré is one of them -- two members of the board of directors, and a representative of the Catalan football federation. They have 10 working days to do that: in other words, by Sept. 29.

-- Then the "table" has to validate the signatures, which they must do within another 10 days. That takes us to Oct. 10.

-- If there are more than 16,521 valid signatures (which there will be), Barcelona will have to set up and arrange a vote of no confidence for the board of directors. It will be a referendum that basically asks: Do you want this president and his board to be sacked, yes or no? That will have to happen within 10 working days as well. All of which takes us to November, though all these things could happen quicker.

**Then what?**

If two-thirds (officially 66.7%) of them are in favour, Bartomeu will have to step down with immediate effect.

**And once he's gone ... ?**

A commission would be put in place while presidential elections are organised and held. Given the timing, those would be held in January or February. Some of the candidates -- Toni Freixa, Joan Laporta, Farré, Font, in all likelihood someone from within the current administration

-- are clear, but some are not confirmed yet.

**The socis will vote against Bartomeu, won't they?**

Not necessarily, and 67% is of a lot of people to convince. After all, Barca have been in this situation before, and it has not always got over the line. In 1998, only 33.5% voted to kick out Josep Nuñez out (although the damage it did his presidency was decisive). In 2008, Laporta survived, but only just: 60.6% wanted him pushed out. A moció brought against Bartomeu in 2017 didn't get sufficient signatures to reach the referendum stage.

That said ... yes, you would think so now. There are already over 20,000 people who will vote against him, and it's hard to imagine him being able to mobilise sufficient support to survive, even if there will be some members who might not want to push through the no-confidence motion. Not least because there is little point trying to prop him up, as it would be only a temporary reprieve: presidential elections were set to be held on March 15 anyway and he was unable to stand, his term already over.

**Why vote to keep him in for what would be barely a couple of months?**

**Well, then, why vote against him either? What was the point of all this? If he was going anyway, why do this now? And doesn't it create a vacuum?**

Yes, it does, up to a point. But why do it? Well, because they can, which sounds flippant, but isn't.

Simply, they're doing this because it gets rid of Bartomeu faster. It could, although it is unlikely, even remove him before the next transfer window begins and probably will remove him before it ends. (Caveat alert: The consequences of all this in terms of whether he is eventually held accountable for any budgetary shortfall would depend on the general assembly in October, on the final financial figures and on the next administration, all of which remains to be seen.)

They're doing this because it means that he does not get to see out his presidency "normally," or on his terms. Because it holds him accountable, symbolically at least. Because, well, to repeat: because they can; because this is an expression, a rebellion, a statement, a taking back of power by the people, a way of exercising their rights, a sign that while there is only so much they can do, those mechanisms that allow supporters to safeguard Barcelona still stand and, even in the midst of a pandemic, can be applied. That they really do have say in the destiny of their club, that democracy is not dead yet. As the name suggests, it is a censorship motion -- and that matters. It's the chance to censor those who are not worthy of their club.

There will be trouble ahead, for sure, and the situation remains dramatic at the Camp Nou. The new administration will inherit a mess when they arrive, but for all that went wrong, for all the increased embarrassment, Thursday was a day when Barcelona -- as a club, not a board of directors -- recovered some of its dignity. And that is something to celebrate at last. Lord knows, it has taken long enough.

Gwiji by David Chikoko





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Man Utd stunned by Palace, Arsenal grab late winner

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## Zanzibar hosts cross-country race today

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

A cross-country race, known as 'Elimu Bira Malipo', gets underway at Mnazi Mmoja grounds in Zanzibar today, attracting primary and secondary schools' athletes from across the Isles.

Muhidini Yassin Masunzu, Zanzibar Athletics Association's assistant secretary, said the annual one-day event is aimed at unearthing athletics talents in primary and secondary schools' students.

He said it will involve 2km race for primary school girls, 4km event for primary school boys and girls from secondary schools while the 6km event is for secondary school boys.

Masunzu said the 'Elimu Bira Malipo' cross-country event is vital to the development of athletics in Zanzibar.

"We will have 'Elimu Bira Malipo' cross-country event on Monday (today), the aim is to unearth hidden athletics talents," he stated.

"This event is vital to us, as it also gives a platform to school going pupils and students to expose their talents," he said.

He said such programs like 'Elimu Bira Malipo' (free education) race have helped Zanzibar produce many top athletes, who are representing the country in many local and international events.

Meanwhile, Masunzu said this year's Zanzibar district and club athletics championships will be held after the general election.

Magharibi A and MKKM teams are defending champions of district and club champions respectively. Masunzu also hailed Kusini Unguja athletes for finishing third in the just ended National Championships, which was held at Benjamin Mkapa Stadium in Dar es Salaam, attracting 28 regions.

"It was very good that our athletes, especially those from Kusini Unguja, performed well, we really thank them for the splendid performance and ask them to continue working hard," he said.

Kusini Unguja athletes, Winfrida Makenji, Samir Sururu, Emy Hosea and Shaban Semindu, excelled in various events in the showpiece.

Winfrida won the women's 100m and 200m races, Emmy ended as runner-up in the same category.

Semindu took the third spot in men's 400m event while Sururu emerged as winner in shot put.

Recently, Zanzibar Sports Council (ZSC) disclosed that it is implementing two projects, namely Sports 55 and Physical Education in Schools.

The Sports 55 is being implemented in 55 schools in the Isles while Physical Education program is conducted in nine schools.

The programs gear towards identifying talents and ensuring that various sports disciplines, such as football, netball and basketball, are developed in primary and secondary schools in rural areas.

# Tanzania's athletes shine in 2020 Ngorongoro Half Marathon



Tanzanian athlete, Gabriel Geay, races beside cars along the road from Ngorongoro's Loduare Gate to Rhotia Hills of Karatu, during the 2020 Ngorongoro Half Marathon, which took place in Arusha over the weekend. Geay won the race's men's category. PHOTO: MARC NKWAME

By Correspondent Marc Nkwame, Karatu

WITH the absence of Kenyan runners, Tanzania athletes dominated the 2020 Ngorongoro Half Marathon which was held in Arusha over the weekend.

The race has, as a result, become yet another spectacular sporting event of the year.

Arusha's Talent Club athlete, Gabriel Geay, won the race's men's category, having covered the main event of 21km in one hour, four minutes and 42 seconds.

He beat last year's

winning record of Kenyan athlete, Abraham Too, who had clocked one hour, five minutes and 59 seconds.

In the category's second position came Herman Sule from Mbulu who used one hour, six minutes and 10 seconds.

The third spot was won by Josephat Joshua from Police Tanzania, who covered the 21km race in one hour, six minutes and 57 seconds.

In the race's women category, Failuna Matanga from Talent Club of Arusha emerged as winner.

She covered the distance in

one hour, 16 minutes and three seconds.

Failuna also beat the last year's winner, Kenyan Esther Chesang, who had used one hour, 16 minutes and 49 seconds.

Natalia Sule from Talent Club was the women's category runner-up, clocking one hour 16 minutes and 43 seconds.

She beat a record which was set in the last year's race by women category winner from Kenya.

In other words, Kenyan athletes, who topped the race last year, had their records

shattered by Tanzanians, even though the former could not participate this year due to the Covid-19 lockdown in their country.

Bankrolled by the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority (NCAA), the 13th instalment of the race was, as usual, flagged off from the Loduare Gate, in Ngorongoro.

The runners raced down into Karatu and Rhotia townships of Karatu District, before ending the marathon at Mazingira Bora grounds.

Deputy Commissioner of Conservation at NCAA, Ephraim

Mwangomo, who also raced in the half marathon, maintained that the race is an important tool for promoting Ngorongoro and Serengeti national parks locally and internationally.

The race's guest of honour, Arusha Regional Commissioner Idd Kimanta, affirmed that from next year, his office will be actively involved in the race.

The approach, he noted, aims at seeing to it that prizes can be increased in order to make the event more attractive, relevant and respectable.

Loduare Gate, where the race is usually flagged off, happens to be the official entrance postern into Ngorongoro Crater, Serengeti National Park as well as Olduvai Gorge, making it the most important pillar of Tanzania tourism.

The annual race was also co-sponsored by Moshi-based soft drinks company of Bonite Bottlers.

The Ngorongoro Half Marathon resumed this month following the last April postponement.

Organized by Meta Sports Promotion, the race carried the theme of promoting domestic tourism.

The half marathon usually takes place every April but, this year, it had to be temporarily shelved due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

Meta said there has been some adjustments to the Ngorongoro Half Marathon because the usual children-oriented fun race of 5km has been stretched to now cover 10km.

## Ihefu FC will come back stronger, says coach

By Correspondent Joseph Mchekadona

MBEYA'S Ihefu FC head coach, Maka Malwisi, says he is working on scoring woes his squad is facing and promises the outfit will come back stronger in their Vodacom Premier League game against Biashara United, to be played in Mara on Saturday.

In a telephone interview, Malwisi said during the game against Mtibwa Sugar, which ended with his side lost 1-0, they created a lot of chances but failed to score.

Malwisi bemoaned his club's failure to collect the three points in the encounter with Mtibwa Sugar.

"We wanted to collect three points but that did not happen. We played well only that we did not score," he said.

He said they are not working on scoring as the aim is to score more goals in each of the coming games.

"After our defeat on Friday, we met on Saturday for postmortem and it was discovered that we are lacking power upfront," he stated.

"We created a lot of chances and enjoyed possession but we failed to turn our chances into goals," he said.

Vodacom Premier League debutants, Ihefu FC, have played three games, scoring two goals.

They scored in their 2-1 loss



Mbeya's Ihefu Football Club's players take part in training session at Sokoine Stadium in the region recently to shape up for this season's Vodacom Premier League fixture.

to Simba SC in the opening clash and in their 1-0 win over Ruwu Shooting.

Malwisi noted he is confident that by the time they play away to Biashara United the weakness will be sorted out.

"I told my players to work hard especially in scoring, we have not been that good in finishing," he

noted.

"Yes, we are playing well, but football is about goals, I'm sure that by the time we play away to Biashara United the problem will be history."

He also disclosed that his team will travel to Mara tomorrow with a view to having enough time for preparing for the

encounter and acclimatize with Mara weather.

The gaffer said he will make sure that his boys are collecting three points in their game against Biashara United.

Mtibwa Sugar scored their goal through striker Jaffar Kibayastriker on the 34th minute and the outfit's head coach, Zubeir

Katwila, said he was impressed with his team's performance.

"We played well and got the results we wanted, we are now focusing on our next Premier League games as our aim is to win all of our matches," the coach said.

Mtibwa Sugar will play host to Yanga in the next

clash and Katwila said they will prepare well for the encounter.

"Yanga are our next opponents, they are a good side but we will prepare well for them and hopefully get the desired results, it will not be an easy game but we will prepare well," he said.

## Flexibles by David Chikoko

